

B. C. Photo-Engraving
Co., 26 Broad St.
(Times Building)
Photo-Engraving and De-
signing Work promptly ex-
ecuted. All work guaranteed.

Victoria Daily Times.

Telephone
Cable Complete
When you have business with
Vancouver, Seattle or Nanaimo
Ask Central for
LONG DISTANCE

VOL. 40.

VICTORIA, B. C., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1905.

NO. 97.

The Greatest Pen on Earth



A Fountain Pen

3 Sizes, 3 Prices, \$3.00
\$4.00 and \$5.00

AND

The Waterman Fountain Pen

Has Stood the Test for Years, \$3.00 to \$18.00

Challoner & Mitchell

Selling Agents for Victoria.



THE HUDSON'S BAY CO., Agents, For B. C.

Suchard Cocoa

1-4 lb Tin	25c
1-2 lb Tin	45c
1 lb Tin	85c

Served Free—A Cup of Cocoa—Try it.

DIXIE H. ROSS & CO.

The Independent Cash Grocers.

YOU CAN SAVE MONEY ON YOUR
Painting and Paperhanging
For during the dull season we are figuring at special winter rates, in order to
keep our staff employed.

The Melrose Co., Ltd., 78 FORT STREET
40 FORT STREET

FLOUR FLOUR

Our Choice

\$1.35 Per Sack (For Bread
or Pastry)

Try Our Whole Wheat Flour at \$1.35 Per Sack.

SYLVESTER FEED CO., 27-29 Yates St.
Tel. 413.

WILL APPEAL.

Major Carrington Will Take His Case
to Higher Courts.

(Associated Press.)

Manila, Feb. 21.—Major Carrington, who was convicted of falsifying vouchers of the civil government to the amount of \$1,500, was today sentenced to a term of six years and five days' imprisonment. He was tried on five separate charges and the sentence on each charge was twelve years and one day. Major Carrington practically made no defence; his attorneys simply raising technical

points. The case will be appealed to the Supreme court of the islands, and if the decision there is adverse to the appellant the major will appeal to the Supreme court of the United States.

WILL APPOINT CARDINALS.

(Associated Press.)

Rome, Feb. 21.—As there are nine vacancies at present in the sacred college, Pope Pius X. has expressed his intention to appoint new cardinals at the next consistory. It is probable that the new cardinals will go to Great Britain or the United States.

DECLARES OTHERS WILL BE KILLED

STATEMENT BY ASSASSIN OF THE GRAND DUKE

Says the Police Will Be Unable to Pro-
tect Those Who Are Doomed
to Death.

(Associated Press.)

Moscow, Feb. 21.—The assassin of the Grand Duke Sergius maintains an attitude of profound indifference. When pressed to reply to questions he declared that all efforts of the authorities would have no result. Before his victim was laid under earth, he said, other victims would be found.

Regarding his motives, the assassin said he only acted in the interests of oppressed people. He considered the deed was an act of duty. The grand dukes had for years violated every canon of ordinary decency, and ruined the country while exploiting the weak will of the Emperor for their own ends. They had made him a tyrant so people executed him. He was aware that the Emperor was an innocent dupe, and his party had decided to deliver the Emperor from the influences surrounding him, in the hope that he some day would join in the movement and become head of a national government based on western lines.

Neither the police nor their spies, he added, will be able to protect those who are doomed to death.

MINERS ENTOMBED.

Rescue Party Nearing Men Imprisoned
in Pit in Alabama—One Body
Found.

(Associated Press.)

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 21.—E. T. Schuler, one of the owners of the Virginia mines, 18 miles from here, where more than one hundred miners were imprisoned yesterday afternoon by an explosion, was advised this morning that the rescuers were close to the entombed men, and that one body had been found and removed. Schuler thinks there is a good chance for a number of the miners to be found alive, as he says the airshaft into the mine is working.

The rescue party work all night, augmented by miners from various mines in the district. The mines belong to the Alabama Steel & Wire Company, and are leased by Reid & Co. Both white and colored miners are employed, and only recently union miners went to work. The mines are considered models of their kind. The slopes are well located, and there never has been any trouble from gas heretofore.

Entombed Number 116.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 21.—Only one body has been taken from the Virginia mine. It is now said that the exact number of men entombed by the explosion is 116.

NICOLA VALLEY LINE.

Bill Referred to Sub-Committee of the
Railway Committee.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—At the railway committee today a bill authorizing the construction of a railway from Osoyoos lake to a point near Grand Forks was referred to a sub-committee. This is the Nicola, Kamloops & Similkameen Coal & Railway Company's bill. It overrides certain provisions of an act of the British Columbia legislature, which is to the effect that notwithstanding anything in Federal legislation, the Lieutenant-Governor in British Columbia shall have control of the rates to be charged on the road.

The Vancouver, Westminster & Yukon Railway Company's bill to extend the time for the construction to five years was passed.

ATTACKS ON ARMENIANS.

People of Baku Are Panic-Stricken and
Business Is Suspended.

(Associated Press.)

Baku, Caucasus, Feb. 21.—The town is panic-stricken, the banks are closed and business suspended as a result of Wednesday's disturbance, and the numerous attacks of armed Musulmans on Armenians, which have been going on since Sunday in various quarters of Baku. The attacks are attributed to racial enmity.

INSURANCE COMPANIES.

Bill to Tax Foreign Corporations Intro-
duced in New York Assembly.

(Associated Press.)

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 21.—A bill to regulate and tax foreign mutual fire and other insurance companies was introduced in the assembly today. It imposes a one per cent. tax on all assessments or premiums collected in this state. In order to do business in this state such a corporation must file with the superintendent of insurance a statement to the effect that it has a reserve fund equal to fifty per cent. of its insurance premiums, and pay the superintendent \$50 a year in connection with filing such papers.

OYAMA'S REPORTS

Tells of Infantry Attack on Pang Moun-
tain—Russians Use Heavy Guns.

(Associated Press.)

Tokio, Feb. 21.—Field Marshal Oyama, reporting to-day, says that a small infantry attack was made on Pang mountain on February 20th. The Russians shelled Lapatal on the night of February 19th, using heavy guns.

Squadron Coaling.

Fredericksburg, Denmark, Feb. 21.—The third Russian Pacific squadron anchored to-day in Skagen bay, and is now coaling. The squadron has been joined by some other units, and now consists of five ironclads, an auxiliary cruiser a gun boat and three transports.

Re-Admitted to Army.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 21.—It is officially announced that the Grand Duke Paul has been re-admitted to the Russian army with his former rank of Lieutenant-general and aide-de-camp general.

En Route Home.

Kafa, Crimea, Feb. 21.—Lieut.-Gen. Stossel, the former commander at Port Arthur, arrived here to-day.

FREIGHT WILL SUFFER.

More Than One Hundred Thousand Cars
Stalled Owing to Recent Snowstorms.

(Associated Press.)

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Railroad officials estimate that 125,000 cars of freight are stalled on railroad east and west of here, owing to the recent heavy snowstorms. Of these number 75,000 cars are said to be side-tracked on Eastern roads, and 50,000 cars on roads west of Chicago. It will require ten days or more to move this accumulation of freight to its destination, and it is probable that the loss in perishable stuff will be very heavy.

THE TRANSFER OF CANADIAN GARRISONS

Comments of the London Morning Post
on Recent Decision of the
Government.

(Special to the Times.)

London, Feb. 21.—The Morning Post, commenting on taking over of Esquimaux and Halifax garrisons by the Canadian government, says it is a commendable product of realization of her growing strength and of her wish to take her proper footing in the commonwealth of the Empire.

Referring to the importance of Halifax in the contingency of war with the United States, the Post says the vital question to be asked is what guarantee the Imperial government are taking that the present standard of defence both in personnel and material will be fully maintained on the transfer of the fortress to the Canadian authorities.

Though expressing no desire to belittle the fighting qualities displayed by Canadians in South Africa, the Post says the Dominion government, with commendable frankness, has shown by yearly publications that the Canadian force as a whole is lamentably deficient in training, organization and equipment; that their system of administration has more regard to political considerations than preparation for war. The Post thinks it is to be regretted that the Imperial troops should be discovered by the removal of Imperial troops from Canadian soil, and our aim should be to encourage the blinding of British and colonial troops into one great Imperial force for the protection of the Empire as a whole.

AGAIN THE RESERVE.

This Time It Is the Provincial Government
That Moves.

Another development in the time-honored Banting reserve question is threatened, and on this occasion it isn't the Board of Trade or any fraction thereof, the city council or any committee thereof, the Tourist Association or any ramification thereof, nor any convulsive citizens, who are making the move. It is the provincial government that has fallen the latest victim of the agitation, a body that most people thought had been so grievously overcome by the sweet sense of self-sufficiency that it couldn't even contemplate a subject of such trivial importance as that of the Banting reserve.

In yesterday's official report of the votes and proceedings of the legislature there appears a notice of motion to the effect that Hon. R. P. Green, chief commissioner of lands and works, intended to ask leave to introduce a bill intitled "An Act Respecting the Banting Indian Reserve." This permission will be sought to-morrow afternoon, and in the meantime the well-meaning citizens who are sorely distressed over the delay in the settlement of the vexed question are trying to possess their souls in patience until they find out what Hon. Mr. Green is driving at.

The Times learns that the object of the bill is to give to the Lieutenant-Governor power to dispose of the reserve "to the best interests of the province" immediately it is vacated by the Dominion authorities. In other words, it obviates the necessity of referring the matter to the consideration of the legislature, or in a few more words, the legislature is to be asked to hand over to the government the power that it possesses respecting the disposal of the reserve, when the time for its disposition arrives. Evidently the government at present can't dispose of the area off its own bat or this bill would not be introduced.

CENTENARIAN DEAD.

(Associated Press.)

Trimbelle, Wis., Feb. 21.—Anthony Huddleson, aged 101, the first white settler in Pierce county, is dead.

FARM HAND FOUND FROZEN TO DEATH

YOUNG MAN PERISHED ON HIS WAY HOME

Two of Arbitrators Favor Increase in
Wages for Grand Trunk Rail-
way Telegraphers.

(Associated Press.)

Napanee, Ont., Feb. 21.—John Young, aged 23, employed by William McAllister, farmer, has been found frozen to death in a willow swamp near here. He had gone for the mail and was returning, when he is supposed to have become exhausted.

Again Prorogued.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 21.—Prince Edward Island legislature has been prorogued for the third time owing to the snow blockade. It is now called to meet on February 28th.

E. F. Clark's Illness.

Toronto, Feb. 21.—E. F. Clarke, M. P., is critically ill with pneumonia. His friends are alarmed.

Arbitrators' Award.

Toronto, Feb. 21.—The award of the arbitrators in the dispute between the Grand Trunk Railway and its telegraphers was handed out last night. The arbitrators are of opinion that the telegraphers should be paid extra for Sunday work. Regarding the question of two weeks' vacation, the arbitrators are of the opinion this matter should be left to the company. As to an increase, the arbitrators decide the company should have granted the increase asked for by the men. They recommend that the minimum salary per month for agents and telegraphers, with dwelling, fuel, and light on the main line, shall be \$45 and on branch lines \$43, instead of \$40 and \$35 respectively, and that such minimum wage without dwelling, fuel, and light shall be \$30 on the main line and \$48 on branch lines, instead of \$45 and \$42 respectively, and that the salary of all other telegraphers, who are also agents, shall be \$45 on the main line and \$43 on branch lines, instead of \$40 and \$37 respectively. The majority report adds that such recommendation take effect on March 1st and continue and be accepted by both parties for a period of three years thereafter. The report is signed by J. H. Hall, representative of the telegraphers, and Justice E. Teetzel, the third member who was appointed by both sides. C. F. Shepley, K.C., representing the company, issues a minority report explaining why he could not agree with his colleagues.

Declared Elected.

Original, Ont., Feb. 21.—Labrosse, Independent Liberal in Prescott county, has been declared elected over Hon. F. Evanturel by the casting vote of the returning officer.

NEGOTIATING FOR LAND PURCHASE

GOVERNMENT SEEKS DEAL WITH DUNSMUIR

A Move Made in the Direction of Ac-
quiring E. & N. Grant for the
Province.

Negotiations are in progress between the provincial government and James Dunsmuir for the purchase of the land within the E. & N. grant. Na assurances are yet given that the negotiations will result in the acquiring of the land, but pressure is being brought to bear upon the Premier to consummate some deal whereby these lands will pass to the province. J. H. Hawthornthwaite, the dictator as to the actions of the McBride government, has always been strongly in favor of this course being followed, as it would afford a means for settling the cases of the E. & N. settlers' rights. The price asked by Mr. Dunsmuir is not stated, but it is believed to be about \$1,750,000.

When the C. P. R. purchased the E. & N. it did not acquire the land grant. There remains about 1,500,000 acres in this grant which has not yet been disposed of by Mr. Dunsmuir. This land is exempt from taxation as long as it remains in the hands of the railway company.

When the agreement was entered into between the C. P. R. and Mr. Dunsmuir the necessary precautions were taken to avoid the land being taxable. This was arranged, it is believed, in a manner satisfactory to Mr. Dunsmuir, so that he will not be called upon to pay into the revenues of the province on the land held.

Other authorities declare that it is absolutely impossible to avoid the taxing of the land, and immediately the road is taken over on April 1st by the C. P. R. the land will be taxed by the province.

Assessed as wild lands, these will yield probably \$10,000 in taxation. Realizing that there is some danger of the collection of taxes from the property, Mr. Dunsmuir may be all the more ready to dispose of the land at this time.

It is doubtful, however, if it will result in more than negotiations, Premier McBride using this as a means of attracting attention from other matters which are being forced upon the attention by his supporters.

MINING EXECUTIVE.

The Meeting May Have All Business Dis-
posed of by To-Morrow Night.

The executive of the Provincial Mining Association is still meeting in the city. Last evening several of the committees reported to the executive. That having in hand the inquiry into the reasons why gold and silver bullion was shipped past Victoria and Vancouver, reported that this was likely to continue until the mint at Ottawa was in operation.

Messrs. Lamb, Jackson and Brewer were appointed a committee to prepare a circular letter to be sent to each of the local branches of the organization, urging them to collect and prepare data, plans, etc., of their respective districts, and have copies available for the members of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, when they visit British Columbia.

The next convention it was agreed should be held between July 24th and 30th, and Messrs. Mason, Pierson, Collis and McMillan were appointed a committee to draft a programme of the work of the next convention, subject to future ratification.

Alfred McMillan was elected a member of the executive committee in place of S. F. Parrish, representing the Le Roi mine, and W. M. Brewer was elected to fill another vacancy.

This morning's meeting was nearly altogether taken up with routine work. Good progress is being made and the meeting may close to-morrow evening.

FIRE LOSS ESTIMATED AT ONE MILLION DOLLARS

Docks at Boston Destroyed and Steam-
er Damaged—Two of Crew
Injured.

(Associated Press.)

Boston, Mass., Feb. 21.—A large double pier, Nos. 3 and 4, of the Hoosac Tunnel docks in Charlestown, together with considerable valuable freight, was completely destroyed by fire early to-day. The steamer Philadelphia, from which the crew fled so hastily that two were injured, was hauled into the stream with her upper works ablaze. The loss to the Boston & Marine Railway Company, the owners of the docks, is estimated at fully \$400,000, while the damage to the Philadelphia will, it is thought, bring the total loss up to about a million dollars. The adjoining pier No. 5, which was burned last November, and which was being rebuilt, was slightly damaged. The steamer Dalton Hall, on the opposite side of the pier from the Philadelphia, backed out under her own steam, practically uninjured.

Chief Steward Fellows, of the Philadelphia, jumped overboard. He was rescued in an exhausted condition, while one of the firemen of the steamer jumped to the deck of a nearby lighter and had a leg broken. Capt. Jackson and his wife were rescued by a fire boat after being driven to the stern by the blaze, and were about to jump into the harbor. The fire started presumably from spontaneous combustion in some hay at 4 o'clock this morning, and within five minutes fully a quarter of an acre of covered pier, well filled with the most inflammable goods, was wrapped in flames. The Philadelphia, which arrived last Saturday and has discharged about a quarter of her cargo, caught fire within a few minutes. Her crew, who rushed on deck at the first alarm, were driven over the side by the great volume of flame which poured across the docks.

But few harbor tugs were in the neighborhood, and it was nearly an hour before she was hauled from her perilous position. Blazing brands were carried across the harbor to the city proper, but fortunately away from a large grain elevator at the head of pier No. 4.

More than half the fire department of the city was called into service, and fought the fire until dawn before it was subdued.

Loss \$1,000,000.

New York, Feb. 21.—Frozen hydrants so interfered with the work of the firemen to-day when a fire started in a big factory building, that what at first seemed rather an insignificant blaze, called for four alarms, and resulted in a loss of fully \$100,000. The fire was in the factory of Philip Hane & Co., manufacturers of manifold books, carbon paper and autograph machines. When the apparatus called by an automatic alarm reached the scene, the flames were confined to the second floor of the building, but nearly all the hydrants in the vicinity were found to be frozen, and by the time a good supply of water was to be had, the flames had spread through the building, and they were extinguished only after a long hard struggle.

TURKISH REFORMS.

Must Follow the Increase in the Customs
Duties.

(Associated Press.)

Constantinople, Feb. 21.—The proposed increase in the Turkish customs duties has been accepted in principle by the government of the six great powers on the condition that the revenue so derived shall be devoted to carrying out reforms. It is understood that Turkey in soliciting their assent to the increase, undertook to accept the Austro-Russian scheme for reform of the finances of Macedonia.

AUTONOMY BILL IS INTRODUCED

SPEECH IN HOUSE BY SIR WILFRID LAURIER

Financial Arrangements—Grant for
Civil Government—Unorganized
Territory to Be Divided Later.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier in introducing his autonomy bill in the House to-day said that if the nineteenth century was that of the States, the twentieth century would be that of Canada. While the United States devoted its attention to rapid growth and development, western Canada was progressing by a slower method and producing a higher civilization. It was no slander on the States to say that frontier civilization in the States for years was a by-word. Canada was satisfied with slower progress. The Premier spoke of the early years of Confederation, when British Columbia was at one end and there lay a stretch of thousands of miles between that province and Ontario, left to the Hudson's Bay Company for fur trade purposes. Sir Wilfrid then showed how in 1876 Mr. Mackenzie gave a constitution to the Northwest. He reviewed what had been done since that time in extending responsible government to the Northwest, and all that remained was the placing of stamps of Canadian nationality upon them.

The bill provides for twenty-five constituencies in each of the two provinces for the legislature. The provisional capitals are Regina and Edmonton. The financial terms are under four headings: For each province the grant for civil government is \$50,000; capitation grant, 80 cents per head on the minimum of 250,000 population, \$20,000, the maximum population on which this will be paid will be 800,000; debt allowance of \$32.43 per head on the minimum population of 250,000 will be granted, on which five per cent. will be paid, making about \$400,000. The grant in lieu of land will bring the total revenue up to \$1,320,000 for each province from Federal sources.

A clause in the Northwest constitution guaranteeing separate schools is re-enacted. Later an unorganized territory will be divided between the new provinces, British Columbia and Ontario. Sir Wilfrid made a strong argument for retaining control of lands in the Dominion. It was a policy which was supported by Sir John Macdonald, but as lands were retained it was necessary to make generous terms to the provinces. The Premier said that before Manitoba was an outlet on Hudson's Bay, Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan provinces would be consulted.

ROBBERS IDENTIFIED.

Men Who Held Up the Cody Bank Are
in Jail.

(Associated Press.)

Vernal, Utah, Feb. 21.—Albert L. Caldwell and David Fraughton, who are held in jail here on a charge of grand larceny, have been identified as the Cody Bank robbers, for whom there is a reward of \$5,000. Sheriff Horton of Carbon county, Wyoming, has arrived here with W. J. Walms, who was an eyewitness of the killing of the bank cashier. Walms positively identified Caldwell as the man who did the shooting and Fraughton as the accomplice.

SIR HENRY IRVING ILL.

(Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 21.—Sir Henry Irving is reported to be somewhat seriously ill at Wolverhampton. He is suffering from a severe chill. He collapsed after the performance last night, and has been obliged to cancel his attendance at a meeting to be held in the Wolverhampton town hall to-day.

PRESIDENT OF DIET.

(Associated Press.)

Buda Pest, Feb. 21.—The lower house of the Hungarian diet to-day elected Julius Justh, a member of the Kossuth party, to be president of the house. J. Justh, who was the candidate of the united opposition, secured a majority of 62 over the candidate of the Liberals.

STILL IN OFFICE.

Lord Lieutenant Says There Is No Truth
in Report of Resignation.

(Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 21.—In reply to an inquiry, the Earl of Dudley, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, telegraphed from Dublin this morning as follows: "There is no truth in the report that I am resigning."

EARL OF SOUTHBESK DEAD.

(Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 21.—The Earl of Southesk (James Carnegie) died to-day. He was born in 1827.

Twelve men were badly injured on Monday by the explosion of a stationary boiler at mine No. 1, of the Providence Coal Company, near St. Clairsville, O. Two of the injured have since died, and four others are believed to have been fatally hurt.



Persian Cream

Keeps the face in good condition—
Nothing better for the windy weather.
—25c A BOTTLE AT—

Campbell's Prescription Store

COR. FORT AND DOUGLAS STS. "LOOK FOR THE SIGN OF THE CAMEL"
WHEN YOU WANT THE BEST.



Everybody Knows

That Electric Light is the
Best Light

But there are still a few families in town who do not use it. We want every house in town to be illuminated by electricity and for that reason are offering to bear half the cost of wiring rented houses. Call at our office and hear what we have to say in the matter.

B. C. Electric Ry. Co., Ltd.
35 YATES STREET.

Jams, Jams, Jams

Raspberry or Strawberry, small jar, each..... 10c.
Jellies in Glasses, each..... 10c.
Raspberry, Strawberry, Apricot, 3-pound glass jar, each..... 50c.
Strawberry or Raspberry, 5-pound tins, each..... 65c.

The Saunders Grocery Co., Ltd.

'Phone 28.

Johnson Street.

NATIONALISTS ATTACK MINISTRY

JOINED BY LEADER OF IRISH UNIONISTS

Redmond's Speech and Wyndham's Reply— Rumors of Resignation of Lord Lieuutenant of Ireland.

London, Feb. 20.—In moving as an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, the declaration that "the present system of government (of Ireland) is opposed to the will of the Irish people," John Redmond led the Irish party in the House of Commons to-day in an attack that contained for the Conservative ministry more of menace than lay in the fiscal debate precipitated by Mr. Asquith's amendment last week. The Redmond amendment was carefully calculated, in fact, to undermine the government's majority. Interest in the debate was intensified by a report that the Earl of Dudley had resigned the lord lieutenancy of Ireland. This report, which was given wide credence, has put heart in the Nationalists, who made the attack on the Earl of Dudley one of the features of their speeches. The debate drew a crowded gallery and peers especially were noticeable.

Mr. Redmond said it was necessary to emphasize the fact that the Nationalists were irrevocably committed to Home Rule, because there was an attempt to limit the decision of the coming elections and smother the issue. The present system was ruinously extravagant and inefficient, and was distinguished even by the Unionists, "Ireland," he added, "is governed by a bureaucracy more devoid of responsibility than the bureaucracy of Russia, which England is so fond of denouncing." Armed revolt would be justified if a chance of success exists. Mr. Redmond renounced that his party was unalterably opposed to an alliance with any party which did not make Home Rule the cardinal plank of its platform.

Mr. Moore, who spoke in behalf of the Irish Unionists, was as bitter as the Nationalist leader himself in his condemnation of the present government. Sir Anthony MacDonnell (under secretary to the lord lieutenant of Ireland), he said had been infamously treated by the cabinet. The Irish Unionists think the whole business has been betrayed by their leaders, and they could not vote confidence in the present Irish administration, which they believe has been converted from Home Rule.

Mr. Wyndham, chief secretary for Ireland, delivered a straightforward explanation of how the unfortunate misunderstanding arose. In doing so he paid a splendid tribute to Sir Anthony MacDonnell, who, with his Indian experiences, found analogies between many ideas and ideas he had formed in India. Here came the

first source of serious misunderstanding. Ignorant of Indian affairs, I did not know that a semi-elective council existed in India, and therefore it never occurred to me in any conversation with MacDonnell that he had in mind any board partially elected as part of the reforms of which I approved.

Mr. Wyndham said he was absent when the devolution scheme was published, and that when he returned without consulting MacDonnell he wrote to the papers denouncing the elective council's feature. Mr. Wyndham said the cabinet never had doubted MacDonnell's loyalty. Mr. Wyndham admitted that MacDonnell perhaps was justified in taking his approval for granted.

T. W. Russell, Winston Churchill and others bitterly assailed the government's management of Irish affairs, and the Earl of Dudley's administration. The rumor of the resignation of MacDonnell, which was given wide credence, has put heart in the Nationalists, who made the attack on the Earl of Dudley one of the features of their speeches. The debate drew a crowded gallery and peers especially were noticeable.

Mr. Redmond said it was necessary to emphasize the fact that the Nationalists were irrevocably committed to Home Rule, because there was an attempt to limit the decision of the coming elections and smother the issue. The present system was ruinously extravagant and inefficient, and was distinguished even by the Unionists, "Ireland," he added, "is governed by a bureaucracy more devoid of responsibility than the bureaucracy of Russia, which England is so fond of denouncing." Armed revolt would be justified if a chance of success exists. Mr. Redmond renounced that his party was unalterably opposed to an alliance with any party which did not make Home Rule the cardinal plank of its platform.

Mr. Moore, who spoke in behalf of the Irish Unionists, was as bitter as the Nationalist leader himself in his condemnation of the present government. Sir Anthony MacDonnell (under secretary to the lord lieutenant of Ireland), he said had been infamously treated by the cabinet. The Irish Unionists think the whole business has been betrayed by their leaders, and they could not vote confidence in the present Irish administration, which they believe has been converted from Home Rule.

Mr. Wyndham, chief secretary for Ireland, delivered a straightforward explanation of how the unfortunate misunderstanding arose. In doing so he paid a splendid tribute to Sir Anthony MacDonnell, who, with his Indian experiences, found analogies between many ideas and ideas he had formed in India. Here came the

first source of serious misunderstanding. Ignorant of Indian affairs, I did not know that a semi-elective council existed in India, and therefore it never occurred to me in any conversation with MacDonnell that he had in mind any board partially elected as part of the reforms of which I approved.

Mr. Wyndham said he was absent when the devolution scheme was published, and that when he returned without consulting MacDonnell he wrote to the papers denouncing the elective council's feature. Mr. Wyndham said the cabinet never had doubted MacDonnell's loyalty. Mr. Wyndham admitted that MacDonnell perhaps was justified in taking his approval for granted.

T. W. Russell, Winston Churchill and others bitterly assailed the government's management of Irish affairs, and the Earl of Dudley's administration. The rumor of the resignation of MacDonnell, which was given wide credence, has put heart in the Nationalists, who made the attack on the Earl of Dudley one of the features of their speeches. The debate drew a crowded gallery and peers especially were noticeable.

CHALLENGED TO PUBLIC DEBATE

THOMAS W. LAWSON'S
LETTER TO J. BECK

Wants to Meet Him in Boston and
Answer Attacks Made Upon
Himself.

(Special to the Times.)
Boston, Mass., Feb. 20.—The following is an open letter from Thomas W. Lawson, to James M. Beck, ex-assistant attorney-general of the United States, now counsel and chief orator for the Standard Oil Co. and the "System":

"Mr. Beck, last February you came to Boston as counsel for Henry H. Rogers, and on the eve of the gas trial in the Massachusetts Supreme court, where Mr. Rogers and myself were to testify, you tried to have me 'match up' my testimony. I refused. Shortly after 'Frenzied Finance' began, and you and James Heckels, ex-controller of the currency of the United States, now representative of the 'system' in the West, were selected to sling mud at me at public dinners and banquets—he in the West and you in the East. You have both been industriously at it wherever you know it was safe; that is, wherever you were sure I could not answer you, and now to-night at the dinner of the Boston Life Underwriters' Association, here in my own city, you are again to unlimber your mud guns.

"The International League of Press Clubs is endeavoring to raise the remaining \$50,000 fund for the building and equipping of a home for journalists. J. P. Morgan has agreed to furnish the last \$5,000 provided that the fund is raised before June 30th. I am asked to furnish \$5,000. It is as you know a most worthy cause. You and your bosses of the 'Standard Oil,' Amalgamated City Bank, 'Big Three' insurance crowd have never yet in your attacks upon the public or individual members of the public been known to come out in the open, but have always made your cowardly attacks when you were sure it was safe.

Therefore, I make you the following offer: If you, the recognized mouthpiece of the 'Standard Oil,' its leading orator, a man so thoroughly versed in public declamation as to stand in the very front ranks of the great public speakers of this country, will meet me in Faneuil hall, the cradle of America's liberty and free speech, meet me, the layman who has never delivered a public address, and there debate the crimes and the cowardly villainies of your enterprise, I will pay to the journalist league the sum of \$5,000, and if you decide that it is best we will raise a further sum by charging admission to the hall, I think we could easily raise the entire fund of \$50,000 by such means. If you will bring along your talented colleague from the West, Mr. Heckels, so much the better, and if you wish I will consent to have every ticket in the hall sold to your friends, and I will ask no odds but to reply to what you will say.

"Now, Mr. Beck, will you dare to help this good cause and incidentally give the people one honest chance to learn the truth? You have made onslaughts on me in public addresses where I have had no opportunity to answer. In your last address at Philadelphia you called me a 'Frenzied Fakir' and a 'Wild Bunch Malay.' In spite of your wages from the 'Standard Oil' you will surely not prove yourself so cowardly as to do this and not accept my proposition. I will await your answer in the reports which I will read to-morrow of what you say in the house of your friends—the insurance people.

—THOMAS W. LAWSON."

NEW ATLANTIC CABLE.

Contracts Will Probably Be Awarded to
London Companies.

New York, Feb. 20.—The Tribune says: "Although the bids received by the Commercial Cable Company for the new Atlantic cable have not been formally accepted, it is probable that the cable contract will be awarded to one or both English companies, the Silverton Company and the Telegraph Construction Company, both of London. In order to hasten the task of making and laying the cable, Clarence H. Mackay and his associates may give the contract to the mid-Atlantic section to the other company."

BILLIARD PLAYER HURT.

Schaefer Will Be Unable to Play For a
Year, Perhaps Never.

New York, Feb. 20.—A Pittsburgh dispatch to the World says: "Jake Schaefer, the billiard player, slipped on a piece of ice to-night (Sunday) and broke the little finger of his right hand. He also cut a gash in the hand, requiring six stitches to close. The Pittsburgh physician who attended Schaefer back to Chicago says that the greatest expert of the city will scarcely be able to get his hand in a year, perhaps never, as the hand is fearfully gashed."

FOR SAFETY

In the delicate process of feeding infants, Borden's Eagle Brand Condensed Milk is unexcelled except by good mother's milk, as it is rendered perfectly sterile in the process of preparation. Lay in a supply for all kinds of expeditions. Avoid unknown brands.

TWO MURDERERS EXECUTED.

Osaing, N. Y., Feb. 20.—Frank Rimieri, who murdered Jacob Pinto, a Brooklyn junk dealer, and Adolph Koenig, who strangled Mrs. Kaufmann to death at her home in New York, were put to death in the electric chair in Sing Sing prison early to-day. Within 20 minutes of the time Rimieri, who first went to the chair, was pronounced dead, Koenig had paid the penalty of his crime. Two shocks were given in each case.

Condensed Advertisements.

Rates for insertion in THE TIMES: All classifications, except Births, Marriages and Deaths, 1 cent per word per day; six insertions for the price of four; no advertisement taken for less than 25 cents. Time rates on application.

WANTED—FEMALE HELP.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—Nurse girl. Mrs. P. S. Lampman, 66 Belcher street.

WHEN ANSWERING advertisements under this heading please say that you saw this announcement in the Times.

SITUATIONS WANTED—MALE.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

KAI CHUNG & BRO., 158 Government St. Employment agency, servants and laborers for any work. Ring up phone 1123. Boot and shoe store.

WHEN ANSWERING advertisements under this heading please say that you saw this announcement in the Times.

SITUATIONS WANTED—FEMALE.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

EMPLOYMENT AGENCY—60 Rae street. Reliable servants always needed. Call between 10 and 12 o'clock. Letters promptly answered. I. Devereux.

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

WANTED—All kinds of bicycle repair work; all work guaranteed. J. T. Braden, 70 Douglas street. Estimates given on all plumbing and heating work.

DO YOU KNOW of a good bicycle repair shop? If so, have them do your work. If not, call on Harris & Moore, 42 Broad street. All kinds of repairing done in the best manner, with the best material. Phone B90.

DRESSMAKING done by the day or at home. Apply 26 Quadra street.

C. M. COOKSON, plumber and heating. Jobbing work specialty. Estimates given on all kinds of plumbing and sewer work. Headquarters for up-to-date English washstands. Tel. 674. 97 Johnson street.

WANTED—Photo-engraving work from all parts of the province, satisfaction guaranteed; send for samples. B. C. Photo-Engraving Co., 26 Broad street, Victoria.

WHEN ANSWERING advertisements under this heading please say that you saw this announcement in the Times.

TO LET.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

TO LET—Small well furnished cottage. Apply to 32 Quadra street.

TO LET—3 roomed house, on Elford street; brick basement and sewer connection. Apply at No. 30 Cadboro Bay road.

TO LET—Two well furnished rooms, at 170 Yates street.

TO RENT—Office on Wharf street, at present occupied by Canadian Pacific Railway Company. Apply Hudson's Bay Company, Wharf street.

TO LET—Furnished cottage of 4 rooms, \$7 per month. A. Williams, 104 Yates.

TO LET—Osborne House, Pandora and Blanchard streets; furnished rooms at reasonable rates, per week or per month.

TO LET—Furnished bedroom for gentleman, with use of bath. Gordon Hotel, Yates street.

HOUSES AND LOTS FOR SALE.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

FOR SALE—3 roomed house and corner lot and half, fruit trees, outbuildings, etc.; price \$1,500. 68 North Pembroke street.

WHEN ANSWERING advertisements under this heading please say that you saw this announcement in the Times.

WE WILL Beat in Quality or Meet

Any price offered by any reputable coal dealer in Victoria for full weight and burning qualities of our domestic coal. Our \$6.50 stove coal, in ton or half-ton lots, is meeting with unparalleled success.

This is Dayerne's WOOL AND YARN

34 Binehard St. and Warren's Wharf, James Bay. Telephone 97.

Wanted

From the largest and most comprehensive stock of Wallpapers when you make your selections here.

Whether your needs be a low priced paper or the most exclusive, you may rely on them to contain quality combined with moderate pricing. Here are some half hints of overhanging values:

Nice Bedroom Papers from 5c.
Pretty Dining Rooms from 12c.
Bleached Linen from 10c.
from 20c.

Mellor Bros., Limited,

PHONE 812. 70 FORT ST.

DEATH OF COMPOSER.

New York, Feb. 20.—Albert Lorus, well-known among musicians and musical publishers as an arranger and composer, is dead at his home here from pneumonia. He arranged the score of many of the musical comedy successes produced in recent years.

Always Remember the Bell Name

Curves a Cold in One Day, Cures in 2 Days
C. H. Brown on 435

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

FOR SALE—Gent's bicycle, \$12; lady's bicycle, \$20; rifle, 22, 250; silver watches, \$4; opera glasses, \$2.75; German Bible, \$5; blankets, \$2.50. Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 64 Johnson street, two doors below Government.

FOR SALE—One 8 h. p. engine, with band wheel; also one 4 h. p. engine. Furniture, largest stock in town. At Bittancourt's main store, cor. Yates and Blanchard streets. Phone B618.

FOR SALE—First-class planer and matcher, in good working order, 612. Shawlinian Lake Lumber Co.

FOR SALE—Cheap, 1. Excelsior fruit cleaner, nearly new. Apply A. G. Robertson, Craigflower road.

FOR SALE—Cheap, a Baby Grand piano, in excellent condition. Apply X. Y., Times.

FOR SALE—Lady's Crescent bicycle, in perfect order, \$20. Apply 58 Cadboro Bay road.

FOR SALE—On Menzies street, 5 roomed cottage, paying 10 per cent; terms if desired. Apply 50 Yates street.

FOR SALE—Two lots running from Rae street to Churchway; easy terms. A. Perry Mills.

HOLLY TREES FOR SALE. Jay & Co., 13 Hodge street. Phone 1024.

FOR SALE—One horse, light delivery wagon and harness, \$100; new top bought. Aberdeen turnout, etc.; one building lot at Oak Bay, would exchange for good horse. Apply Fisher's Carriage Shop, Store St.

FOR SALE—Oscar poets. Address Oldfield, Box 400, city.

WHEN ANSWERING advertisements under this heading please say that you saw this announcement in the Times.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

GO WHERE THE OTHERS GO—To the 1 X L Second-Hand Store, 8 Store street. Cheapest furniture, etc., in town.

LIVERY AND HACK STABLE—Victoria Transfer Co., 21 Broad street, Tel. 129. Hack, baggage wagons, trucks, etc., at any hour.

NO EXCUSE FOR CHIMNEY FIRES NOW—Your chimneys cleaned from 50c; no mess, fuss nor humming; and kept clean by the year from 50c. Smoky chimneys cleared, leading in of brick or jobbing plastering. Defective ducts remedied. Est. in England over 100 years. Hollis, 4 Broad street.

AH WING—Fashionable tailor, ladies' and gent's clothes made to order and perfect fit guaranteed. 100 Government street.

SING TAIL—Manufacturer and dealer in ladies' silk and cotton underwear, dresses, wrappers, etc. 74 Douglas street, Victoria.

BEST JAPANESE PORCELAIN and fancy goods at Kawai Bros. Co., 80 Douglas St.

BOARDS OF TRADE, Tourist Associations, etc., should consult us when preparing guide books, advertising literature, and all kinds of illustrated folders. We group photos artistically and guarantee best results. B. C. Photo-Engraving Co., 26 Broad street, Victoria.

LOST AND FOUND.

Advertisements under this head a cent a word each insertion.

LOST—On Saturday evening, in front of Dr. Powell's gate, Burdette avenue, a red velvet bag containing pair of pearl and gold opera glasses. Finder will be rewarded on returning same to this office.

WHEN ANSWERING advertisements under this heading please say that you saw this announcement in the Times.

EDUCATIONAL.

BACKWARD PUPILS given private lessons in mathematics or English subjects. Apply H. 22 Kingston street, city.

ITALIAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC—Prof. E. Ciano, teacher of violin, mandolin and guitar. Special attention to beginners as well as advanced players. Conversation in English, French, Italian and modern Greek. Apply 117 Cook street.

SHORTLAND SCHOOL—15 Broad street. Special attention given to bookkeeping. Thorough instruction in bookkeeping, shorthand, typewriting. B. A. Macmillan, principal.

COURT VICTORIA, No. 8080, A. O. F.—Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in each month. Sir William Wallace Hall, Broad street. G. E. Wilkerson, C. R.; W. Noble, Sec'y.

COURT NORTHERN LIGHT, No. 8086, A. O. F.—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in each month. K. of P. Hall, Douglas street. E. L. Redgrave, C. R.; W. V. Fullerton, Sec'y.

COURT VANCOUVER, No. 5765, A. O. F.—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays in each month. K. of P. Hall, Douglas street. F. L. Smith, C. R.; Sidney Wilson, Sec'y.

CEMENT WORK.

SLATE AND GRAVEL ROOFING, cement sidewalks and concrete work. Bell. Leave orders at Nicholles & Resour.

WATCH REPAIRING.

A. PETRO, 90 Douglas street. Specialty of English watch repairing. All kinds of clocks and watches repaired.

COFFEE AND SPICES.

VICTORIA COFFEE AND SPICE MILLS—Office and mills, 148 Government street. A. J. Morley, proprietor.

MACHINERY.

L. HAFEE, General Machinist, No. 180 Government street. Tel. 580.

ENGRAVING.

TO JOB PRINTERS—Our artists are now making over designs, sketches, etc., for the best catalogue work produced in the West. Send your ideas, and outline sketches will be furnished without charge. B. C. Photo-Engraving Co., Victoria.

TO ADVERTISERS—We make out which enhance the effectiveness of your advertisements one hundred per cent. Nothing so effective as illustrations. From 25 upwards, according to size. B. C. Photo-Engraving Co.

PLUMBERS AND GAS FITTERS.

A. & W. WILSON, Plumbers and Gas Fitters, Bell Hangers and Tinsmiths. Dealers in the best descriptions of Heating and Cooking Stoves, Ranges, etc. Shipments supplied at lowest prices. Broad street, Victoria. B.C. Telephone call 528.

LEE & FRASER.

Real Estate and Insurance Agents, 9 and 11 Troughton Avenue.

\$900—Cottage, Fernwood road, and 2 lots.

\$1,000—Cottage, Fort street, and 1/2 lot.

\$1,100—Cottage, stable and corner lot, Devonshire road.

\$275—Lot on Hillsdale avenue.

\$300—Lot on Garbally road.

BARGAIN—Two story 7 roomed dwelling, near the park, all modern conveniences; price only \$2,100.

\$1,500—For 5 roomed cottage, James Bay.

\$250—Cottage, 3 rooms, Taird street.

\$350—1 1/2 story, 5 rooms, First street.

LEE & FRASER, Real Estate and Insurance Agents, 9 and 11 Troughton Avenue.

"LAND REGISTRY ACT."

In the Matter of an Application for a Duplicate Certificate of Title to Part 1, Acre of Section 3, Beckley Farm, Victoria District (Now City).

Notice is hereby given that it is my intention at the expiration of one month from the first publication hereof to issue a Duplicate of the Certificate of Title to the above land issued to Robert Henry Brown on the 25th day of February, 1886, and numbered 6707.

S. Y. WOOTTON, Registrar-General. Land Registry Office, January 30th, 1905.

HEISTERMAN & CO., REAL ESTATE AGENTS.

ON ACCOUNT OF OWNER LEAVING THE CITY, we offer for sale one of the finest cottages in Victoria, with two lots, lovely garden, close to car, and in a good location; price moderate.

FIRE INSURANCE—On buildings or contents, in "The Norwich Union," of England, or "The Western," of Toronto.

WANTED—To purchase, a small house, near the car line, for \$1,000 cash. Apply to Heisterman & Co.

A. WILLIAMS & CO., LTD.

104 YATES STREET.

FOR SALE—25 acres, 12 cleared, good buildings; \$2,500.

FOR SALE—25 acres, good buildings, and orchard, etc.; \$1,250.

FOR SALE—20 acres, 12 cleared, with good buildings and orchard; \$2,700.

FOR SALE—200 acres, 50 cleared, good buildings; \$7,500.

FOR SALE—155 acres, good buildings; \$3,500.

FOR SALE—140 acres, partly improved; \$1,500.

FOR SALE—50 acres, small orchard; \$1,250.

FOR SALE—50 acres, good land

R. P. RITHET & CO., LTD.

TEA IMPORTERS

VICTORIA, B. C.

Who Puts Up Your Prescriptions?

We invite the privilege. We use the best quality of every drug; we exercise the most exacting care with every part of the work. We produce medicine that brings the best possible results.

HALL & CO.,

DISPENSING CHEMISTS,
Clarence Block, Cor. Yates and Douglas Sts.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 21.—A m.-a. storm area is hovering off the British Columbia coast and strong winds and gales prevail on the outside waters from the Straits to the Columbia river, hourly velocities of over 40 miles being reported from Tatoosh. Rain-fall has been general on the Pacific slope west of the ranges, and temperatures have risen. In the Northwest the pressure is high; the weather is chiefly cloudy, and cold, and snowfall has occurred at various points.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Wednesday. Victoria and vicinity—Easterly and southerly winds, unsettled, with rain, and milder. Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, unsettled and milder, with rain.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.78; temperature, 48; minimum, 40; wind, 20 miles S. E.; rain, .07; weather, rain.
New Westminster—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, 42; minimum, 42; wind, E.; rain, .24; weather, rain.
Nanaimo—Wind, south; weather, rain.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 38; minimum, 36; wind, calm; rain, trace; weather, rain.
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.88; temperature, 20; minimum, 18; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.
San Francisco—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 50; minimum, 50; wind, 6 miles N.; weather, cloudy.
Port Simpson—Barometer, 29.48; temperature, 36; minimum, 32; wind, 4 miles N.W.; weather, clear.

Have You a Pain or an Ache Anywhere?

It's inconceivable that Nerviline could fail to relieve pain, so powerful is it, and yet in sweetened water it may be given to the youngest infant. Powerful, penetrating, pain subduing, you have only to use it once to keep it as a safeguard against aches, bruises, of every kind and degree. Nerviline is composed of the most wonderful pain subduing remedies known in medicine. Nerviline is worth its weight in gold to every family. In use nearly fifty years, enjoying an enormous sale in 25c. bottles; better try Polson's Nerviline.

TURNING RADISHES TO POTATOES.

"The discovery of a means of metamorphosing radishes into potatoes has been made in no solemn a place as the Academy of Sciences, Paris," says the American Inventor. "M. Mollard takes a very young radish, 'Pastorette' it in a certain way, and it grows up into a fine potato. More scientifically, the young radish is cultivated in a glass resort, after a process invented by Pasteur, in a concentrated solution of glucose. Starch then develops plentifully in the cells of the radish which swells out, loses its pepperyness, and acquires practically the consistence, flavour, and especially the nutritive properties of the potato."

Cook's Cotton Root Compound.

Ladies' Favorite. In the only safe, reliable regulator on which woman can depend "in the hour and time of need." Prepared in two degrees of strength. No. 1 and No. 2. No. 1.—For ordinary cases is by far the best dollar medicine known. No. 2.—For special cases—10 degrees stronger—three dollars per box. Ladies—ask your druggist for Cook's Cotton Root Compound. Take no other as all pills, mixtures and imitations are dangerous. No. 1 and No. 2 are sold and recommended by all druggists in the Dominion of Canada. Mailed to any address on receipt of price and four 2-cent postage stamps. The Cook Company, Windsor, Ont.
Nos. 1 and 2 are sold in all Victoria drug stores.

ment to accept the surveys made by the Canadian Pacific Railway Co., last summer, in block 4,580, S. E. Kootenay, as final?

2. If not, when will the government survey the same?
3. When will the reserve be taken off the coal lands in block 4,583.
Hon. R. F. Green replied as follows:
"1. The notes of the survey have not yet been received by the government, consequently it is impossible to say what action may be taken."
"2. The government will make a check survey, if necessary, as soon as convenient."
"3. The government is now considering the matter."

Chas. Munro asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:

1. What has been the cost of the new school house at East Chilliwack?
2. Was the work done by contract or by day's work?
3. If day's work, what wages were paid, and to whom?

Hon. Mr. Green replied as follows:
"1. Contract price, \$1,599.80.
"2. Answered by No. 1.
"3. Answered by No. 1.
"Notice to contractors is as follows:
Notice to Contractors.

Sealed tenders, superscribed "Tender for schoolhouse," will be received by the undersigned up to noon of Thursday, the 26th October, 1904, for the erection and completion of a large one-room frame schoolhouse at East Chilliwack, B. C.

Plans, specifications, contract and forms of tender may be seen on and after the 10th October, 1904, at the offices of the government agent, New Westminster; of E. A. Wilmut, Esq., Chilliwack; and at the Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C.

Each proposal must be accompanied by cash or an accepted bank cheque or certificate of deposit on a chartered bank of Canada, made payable to the undersigned in the sum of \$100, which shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines to enter into contract when called upon to do so. The cash, cheque or certificate of deposit of unsuccessful tenders will be returned to them upon the execution of the contract.

The successful tenderer will be required to furnish a bond, himself and two sureties in the sum of \$350 each, for the fulfilment of the work contracted for to the satisfaction of the Honorable the Chief Commissioner. Upon the execution of the bond the cash, cheque or certificate of deposit above mentioned will be returned to the contractor.

Tenders will not be considered unless made out on the forms supplied, and signed with the actual signature of the tenderer. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. S. GORE,

Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works, Lands and Works Department.

Victoria, B. C., 6th October, 1904.

Mr. Munro asked the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following questions:

1. What is the total cost of the new school house at Rosedale to date?
2. Was the work done by contract or by day's work?
3. If by day's work, what wages were paid, and to whom?

Hon. Mr. Green replied as follows:
"1. Contract price, \$2,491.72.
"2. Answered by No. 1.
"3. Answered by No. 1.
"Notice to contractors is as follows:
Notice to Contractors.

Sealed tenders, endorsed "Tender for schoolhouse," will be received by the undersigned up to noon of Wednesday, the 28th September, 1904, for the erection and completion of a two-room frame schoolhouse at Rosedale, Chilliwack, B. C.

Plans, specifications, forms of tender and contract may be seen on and after the 10th September, 1904, at the offices of the government agent, New Westminster; of E. A. Wilmut, Esq., engineer in charge, Chilliwack; and at the Lands and Works Department, Victoria, B. C.

Tenders will not be considered unless made upon the printed forms supplied for the purpose, and the agreement to execute a bond appended to the form of tender is duly signed by the contractor himself and two responsible sureties, residents of the province, in the penal sum of \$500, for the faithful performance of the work.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. S. GORE,

Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works, Lands and Works Department.

Victoria, B. C., 15th September, 1904.

Mr. Oliver asked the Attorney-General the following question:

On Wednesday next Hon. Mr. Green to ask leave to introduce a bill intituled "An Act respecting the Songhees Indian Reserve."

On Wednesday next Hon. Mr. Wilton to ask leave to introduce a bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Registration of Companies' Mortgages."

On Wednesday next J. A. Macdonald to ask leave to introduce a bill intituled "An Act to Secure to their Dependents the Wages of Deceased Workmen."

Questions.

Mr. Munro, on Thursday next, will ask the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:

1. Is any person permanently employed as caretaker of the Chilliwack district?
2. If so, who, and at what salary?



"PURELY VEGETABLE"
Look out for these "purely vegetable" medicines. Aconite, Belladonna, Digitalis, Morphine, Strychnine—all violent poisons—are vegetable. You see the term means nothing, as regards safety.

Fruit-a-tives

or Fruit Liver Tablets
Apples, oranges, figs and prunes make them. The juices are combined by our secret process, which intensifies their medicinal action, and pressed into tablets. These are "FRUIT-A-TIVES"—nature's tonic and laxative—the only certain cure for Indigestion, Headaches, Constipation, Liver and Kidney Troubles.

They look like fruit—taste like fruit—small like fruit—ARE fruit—get a box. At druggists everywhere.

FRUITATIVES, Limited, OTTAWA.

By virtue of what authority has the liability of the overdraft on dyking account been incurred?

Hon. Mr. Wilton replied as follows:
"Sections 3 and 4, 'Temporary Overdraft Act, 1902,' and by order in council approved 18th April, 1904."
Finally Passed.

The bill authorizing the granting of the road bed across the head of Rock Bay to the city of Victoria passed its second reading.

It was committed with Mr. Fraser in the chair. The bill then went through the various remaining stages, and was finally passed.

Licensing Travellers.

In moving the second reading of the act for licensing commercial travellers, Hon. Mr. Tatlow said that this bill was introduced in order to assess commercial travellers representing houses outside of the province, which were doing business here. It had recently been found necessary to tax merchants in the province higher than formerly. These men naturally expected some protection from those doing business from the outside. It was proposed to tax these travellers at the rate of \$100. This was subject to a rebate if the business done brought this tax over 1/2 of 1 per cent. The minimum tax was to be \$25, however. There were about 700 travellers came into the province, and most of these would pay the full fee.

W. G. Cameron moved the adjournment of the debate in order to look fully into the bill.

Coal Mines Act.

The amendment introduced by J. H. Hawthornthwaite to the Coal Mines Regulation Act passed its second reading.

Premier McBrice, who had asked that the second reading be left over, said he had done so simply to look into some technicalities. He was satisfied with the bill, and had no objection.

Government Criticised.

On the Premier's motion to adjourn, Mr. Oliver wanted some assurance that there would be business for the legislature when it assembled. There were several bills, which would require considerable discussion. The dyking legislation and the School Act amendments would require some time to discuss. He protested against the House being brought together with nothing to do.

The Premier began to explain that the lack of debate on the address had left the government unprepared with its bills. Mr. Oliver, rising to a point of order, held that the Premier had no right to speak again to the motion to adjourn.

The Speaker said that there was always a certain license given the Premier to explain matters.

Mr. Oliver wanted a ruling with respect to this. He did not understand that the Premier was given under the constitution any privileges over other members.

The Speaker said in 20 years' experience in the legislature it had always been understood that the leader of the government and the leader of the opposition should have some special license with respect to explaining matters.

The Premier said he simply sought to give reasons why business had not been pushed on more vigorously last week. He assured the House that the legislation would be brought down with all expedition. He expected that with the exception of those bills dealing with railway legislation that all the government bills would be before the House this week.

The legislature then adjourned.

Notices of Motion.

On Wednesday next Hon. Mr. Green to ask leave to introduce a bill intituled "An Act respecting the Songhees Indian Reserve."

On Wednesday next Hon. Mr. Wilton to ask leave to introduce a bill intituled "An Act to provide for the Registration of Companies' Mortgages."

On Wednesday next J. A. Macdonald to ask leave to introduce a bill intituled "An Act to Secure to their Dependents the Wages of Deceased Workmen."

Questions.

Mr. Munro, on Thursday next, will ask the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works:

1. Is any person permanently employed as caretaker of the Chilliwack district?
2. If so, who, and at what salary?

T. W. Paterson, on Thursday next, will ask the Provincial Secretary:

1. Was Julius Brethour license commissioner for North Victoria license district for the year ending December 31st, 1904?
2. Was he reappointed for the year 1905?
3. If so, why was Peter Inrie subsequently appointed in his place?

NORTH SEA INQUIRY.

Admirals of Austria and United States Designated to Draw Up Report.

Paris, Feb. 20.—Admiral Von Spaun (Austro-Hungary) and Rear-Admiral Davis (United States) have been designated to draw up the report of the international commission of inquiry into the North Sea incident. This will be presented in secret session Wednesday for discussion and final approval. The Austrian and American admirals have been chosen as representing elements on the commission which are entirely neutral and not connected directly or by political affiliation with either Russia or Great Britain.

Admirals Von Spaun and Davis held a session yesterday and met twice to-day. Their main work is to fulfill the requirement of the protocol that the commission report all the circumstances of the incident. While this detailed recital involves the main issue, namely whether torpedo boats were present and whether Admiral Rojestvensky was justified in firing, yet the full board of admirals reserves final determination of the main questions until after the presentation of the circumstances. Theoretically, no positive decision has yet been reached upon the main points, but the number and circumstances seem to indicate a definite inclination of the majority of the commission toward partially justifying or excusing Admiral Rojestvensky's action.

It is generally believed in well informed circles that Vice-Admiral Donbassoff (Russian), Admiral Fournier (French), president of the commission, and Admiral Van Spaun incline in the foregoing view, while Rear-Admiral Sir Lewis A. Beaumont (Great Britain) and Admiral Davis are considered favorable to the British view that no torpedo boats were present and that, therefore, there was no justification for the firing. But it is impossible to positively verify this alignment of the admirals. Moreover, the board apparently is seeking to reconcile differences so that the decision may not be a pronounced victory for either side, but measurably acceptable to both.

By the bursting of a steam pipe at the Buffalo waterworks, Thos. Hoyt was killed and eight other employees scalded, several of these seriously and perhaps fatally.

Nothing to deposit. Nothing to promise. The dollar bottle is free. Your Druggist, on my order, will hand you a full dollar's worth and send me the bill.

Why do work and worry and excess and strain and over-indulgence break down constitutions and make men and women nervous and run down and restless and sleepless and discouraged and morose? Because they weaken the tiny, tender nerves on which life itself depends.

But the nerves you ordinarily think about—not the nerves that govern your movements and your thoughts.

These are the nerves that, unguided and unknown, night and day, keep your heart in motion—control the digestive apparatus—regulate your liver—operate your kidneys.

These are the nerves that worry wear and break down.

It does no good to treat the ailing organs—the irregular heart—the disordered liver—the rebellious stomach—the deranged kidneys. They are not to blame. But go back to the nerves that control them. There you will find the seat of the trouble.

If done good to take stimulants and narcotics, for these, at best, is but a temporary effect which merely postpones the day of reckoning.

There is nothing new about this—nothing any physician would dispute. But it remained for Dr. Shoop to apply this knowledge to put it to practical use. Dr. Shoop's Restorative is the result of a quarter century of endeavor along this very line. It does not dose the organs or deplete the system—but it does go at once to the nerve—the inside nerve—the power nerve—and builds it up, and strengthens it and makes it well. That is the end of all vital troubles. That is the end of sleepless nights and restless days. That is the end of "nervousness," the end of brain fog and fatigue.

If you are worn out, run down and have never tried my remedy, merely write and ask. I will send you an order on your druggist which he will accept as gladly as he would accept a dollar. He will hand you from his shelves a standard sized bottle of my prescription, and he will send the bill to me. This offer is made only to strangers to my remedy. Those who have once used the Restorative do not need this evidence. There are no conditions—no requirements. Write open and frank and fair. It is the supreme test of my limitless belief. All that I ask you to do is to write—write to-day.

For a free order Book 1 on Dyspepsia, for a full dollar Book 2 on the Heart, bottle you must Book 3 on the Kidneys, address Dr. Shoop, Book 4 for Women, 38 Rue Racine, Book 5 for Men, Wis. State which Book 6 on Rheumatism, you want.

Mild cases are often cured by a single bottle. For sale at forty thousand drug stores.

Dr. Shoop's Restorative



Men of Brains.

Men of great intellect are usually great coffee drinkers, hence it is called the "intellectual beverage."

"Seal Brand" Coffee

has that wholesome quality as a morning beverage only found in pure coffee of the highest grade.

In 1 and 2 lb. sealed tins, at grocers.

Chase & Sanborn, - Montreal

Redmond Theatre

VICTORIA'S NEW FAMILY PLAY HOUSE.

THE WATSON STOCK CO.

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND WEDNESDAY MATINEE.

The Power of the Cross, or the Christian

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SATURDAY MATINEE.

THE WESTERN

10c. Gen. Admission. 20c. Box Seats. 2.50 to 4.50—DAILY—7.50 to 10.50. Matinees 10c. All Over. R. JAMIESON, Mgr.

Just Arrived

1905 Samples of

Massey Harris and Rambler Bicycles

These are the leaders

THOS. PLIMLEY,

CENTRAL CYCLE DEPT.

OPPOSITE POST OFFICE

COAL

J. Kingham & Co.

34 BROAD ST. PHONE 647.

LUMP OR SACK.....\$6.50 per ton

NUT COAL.....5.00 per ton

PEA.....4.50 per ton

Delivered to any part within the city limits.

Agency for the New York Underwriters' Fire Insurance. Assets, Jan. 1st, 1904, \$14,542,951.78.

BICYCLES

HARRIS & MOORE

At our new store, 42 Broad street, the Old Central Depot.

Agents for the famous Pierce spring frame and spring forks, Iver Johnson truss frame and spring frame, Yale, Cornell and Hyslop bicycles. The most up-to-date wheels on the market.

BICYCLE REPAIRING OUR SPECIALTY. Our motto: Honest work at honest prices.

Don't forget our address: 42 BROAD ST. PHONE 1909.

ATTENTION, LADIES!

For the next 30 days we are making a special reduction in all our ladies' costumes. They will be for your benefit to take advantage of this offering.

SPRINKLING & CO., ROOM 3, UP-STAIRS, MOODY BLOCK.

JUST OPENED

MEAT MARKET

52 Fort Street.

Opp. Fell & Co.

CHOICE LINE OF MEATS AND FRESH SAUSAGE DAILY.

Your patronage solicited. Meat delivered to any part of the city.

S. C. BELL.

MISS FOX

Teacher of the Piano-forte

ELEMENTARY COURSES A SPECIALTY.

36 MASON STREET

SWEET PEAS

IN NAMED VARIETIES.

JOHNSTON'S SEED STORE

CITY MARKET.

SURVEYING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING.

Parties wanting thorough tuition in surveying and civil engineering, and chaimen wishing to qualify themselves to join surveying parties in the spring, apply

CIVIL ENGINEER

8 STADACONA AVENUE

PHONE 224.

SINGLE COMB RHODE ISLAND REDS

—AND—

SILVER LACED WYANDOTTES

Eggs for setting from prize winning stock, \$2.50 per setting. Fertility guaranteed.

G. C. ANDERSON,

Savory Cigar Store.

Women

I will send free information to any lady of a never-failing, harmless monthly remedy—a simple home treatment. MRS. M. RAMEY, 39 W. Ferry street, Buffalo, N. Y.

STOCK-TAKING

See Our Half-Price Bargains

B. WILLIAMS & CO.

sufficient for the common herd without insisting also upon the right to ask questions.

PERNICIOUS LEGISLATION.

The paternal solicitude of the McBride government, under the dominating influence of its strong right hand and dear allies the Socialists, for the welfare of the "workers" of British Columbia, is worthy of the deepest respect and veneration. The Times has from the beginning of its career advocated, we trust within the bounds of reason and common sense, the cause of the toiling masses. It has never deviated from its course a handbreadth. Therefore we know we shall not be misunderstood when we raise a protest against the marked sectionalism which has characterized the working day restrictive legislation the Socialists in the Legislature have proposed and the government, whose duty it is to guard the interests of the whole country, has not dared to oppose.

The mine works of British Columbia pursue a hazardous occupation. They are entitled to every possible protection the government of the country, under the advice of responsible and experienced authorities, can give their lives in the underground passages in which they are compelled to pursue their calling and earn a livelihood. If excessive hours of labor constitute a menace to their health, and their employers have such a grip upon them that they cannot be said to be free agents and are coerced into injuring their physical being in order to obtain a livelihood, the right and the duty of the legislature to interfere in their behalf would be manifest. But every detail outside of the limits we have specified, we submit, should, as in other industrial occupations, be left to be adjusted between employer and employee. The natural course of industrial evolution has reduced the hours of labor in all the occupations of life during the past quarter of a century by at least twenty-five per cent. Why not let the forces of evolution solve knotty problems for us instead of taking possession by violence and running the risk of creating disturbances that may result in another period of industrial paralysis? It may be that the workers to whom the Socialists in their wisdom and their burning desire to do their neighbors good devote their special talents suffer more physically from undue pressure than the clerks in stores, in offices and in the great commercial establishments of the country. The miners may be more grievously oppressed and less sufficiently nourished than the thousands of workers in the shops and business houses of the cities; but if they are they do not look it. The agriculturists of our land do not recognize an eight hour day, and their employees receive no recognition from a paternal government. Why this invidious discrimination?

We understand that some of the mine owners of British Columbia threaten to close their works if the amendments to the eight-hour law applicable to coal mines proposed by Mr. Hawthornthwaite go into effect. That would be a drastic and in many respects an indefensible course to pursue. But the employers of the miners will no doubt contend with some force that they have as much right to refuse the men work except upon certain conditions as the men have to refuse to go to work except upon certain conditions. The valuable properties they possess were conveyed to them by a prodigal government; but, having passed, the estates are theirs to manage as they think proper. If they believe they cannot be worked to advantage under the regulations proposed by the government, they will obviously be within their rights in closing them down.

It is the duty of the government to oppose and to kill all such pernicious and disturbance breeding legislation, but it is the will of the government to purchase power at the expense of the industrial tranquillity of the province. McBride has sold us into the hands of the spoilers, and we must pay the price.

PLUNGING ALONG.

The Victoria correspondent of the Nelson Tribune writes like an individual having small respect for frock coats and "plug" hats. He telegraphs to his paper: "The municipal committee met today, and passed a motion to submit to the House an amendment giving municipalities power to put in telephone systems. Last year the committee recommended, and the House adopted the recommendation, that the Municipal Clauses Act be consolidated and divided into three clauses. When the Attorney-General was asked if this had been done, he was astonished. He admitted it had not, and now the committee feel like reporting a resolution censuring the Attorney-General for neglecting his duties. The fact is the Attorney-General is paid \$4,800 a year for devoting most of his time to private practice in Vancouver. The office might as well be abolished for any good it is to the province." But is this judgment not applicable to all the departments as administered by the members of the present government? Is the opinion of the correspondent of the Tribune not shared by the President of the Council and by a goodly number of members who sit upon the right hand of Mr. Speker? All the Vancouver members who are not of the government look and act as if the sentiments of the writer

palpitated in their hearts. The stalwart from Fernie has not kept his private opinions strictly within the recesses of his bosom, notwithstanding that he owes his election to the government and not to the constituents he misrepresents. The situation is undoubtedly unique even in this province of extraordinary political ups and downs. The members responsible for the existence of the government feel that they are perpetuating a system which means the doom of their aspirations as public men, that the longer they tolerate existing conditions the more emphatic their just condemnation will be when the day of judgment arrives, but they know not what to do. The opposition spurns their suggestion of a coalition, knowing that what is required is a new election. All the parliamentary chaff must be blown away before satisfactory conditions can be attained. To turn out the first Conservative government British Columbia has ever had would be satisfactory to the constituents, but it would not mean any advantage to the dissidents who recognize what the government is preparing for itself and for them. Therefore there is no apparent course open but to wallow along after the Socialist leader, floundering deeper and deeper in the mire at every movement, until the day of dissolution, by explosion or in the natural course of events, arrives.

According to all accounts the winter in the East has been one of the hardest on record. The session of the Prince Edward Island legislature has had to be postponed three times because the "tempests" raged. On Vancouver Island the sportsmen rage because the weather has been so mild that the usual number of ducks were not frozen out of their regular retreats and brought within range of fowling-pieces.

IN FOR IT.

Philadelphia Ledger.
"He is sorry now that he quarrelled with her."
"She's gone home to her mother, I suppose."
"No; she's had her mother come home to her."

THE HUMBUG.

K. M. in Toronto Star.
We meet him in the street every day. He sat just across the table from you at the restaurant yesterday. He will drop into your office this afternoon. He is not really a bad sort of fellow—not aggressively bad—only useless. Call him a humbug and he is deeply wounded—even insulted; poke him in the ribs and call him a hopeless cynic, and he smiles his affected, lazy satisfaction. Yet why should he so daily discriminate? Are the two terms so distinct, so opposed in sense, that one should offend, the other flatter? A man of honesty and sense will resent both with equal indignation, for the accepting will brand him as a thing apart—waste matter in the scheme of nature.

The present day has no time to waste on the humbug; even the scientist—the man that spends years in studying the habits of a worm—passes this entomological specimen without note or comment. This is the age of men that do. The world turned slowly once; there was time for moping and thoughtless standing still; but now we revolve at a high rate of speed; it is necessary to make haste to prevent our falling off, and he that stands still is but an obstacle—he must be shoved along or trampled under foot. And while it may be noted, only proper, but highly commendable, to put forth an effort of assistance in ordinary cases, it is but wasted time and energy when the humbug—or, to give him the name that he most delights in, the cynic—becomes the recipient of sustentation. What can one expect from the man that lives on wet mats and perverted aphorisms? No more perfect diet for the cultivating of egotism can be invented—and cynicism must be classified as egotism in an aggravated form. Buns, indigestion, and aphorisms—result, an egotistic humbug. He feels unlike other men—and no wonder; he attributes the difference to his peculiar mental constitution; he wraps himself in himself more and more; he moans, in a stage, within himself, and plays to a little gallery, also within himself—and he thinks that the great "unthinking" public is listening at the door, to overhear his "lines." Of course he is deceived; he himself is his only dupe. The public has work that must be done; the business of life demands attention—and, notwithstanding the aphorist to the contrary, life is not a huge joke. If such were the case the humbug might find himself with a useful place in the scheme of things; we should require such a variety of amusement. But as long as the world rolls on as it does, as long as life is as it is, as long as we are born with character to develop, as long as we are endowed with the ambition to climb one step higher than our fathers climbed, the humbug will remain what he is—a stumbling block in the way of others, a nuisance to himself, a bore to his friends, a drawing room pet, usurping the place of the honest and domesticated cat.

BRONCHITIS INCREASING

MORE CASES REPORTED—SYMPTOMS MORE SEVERE THAN LAST YEAR.
Fortunately there is a prompt cure, one that everybody can use, day or night, at home or at work. Catarrh is a marvellous cure for bronchial affections. Relief comes instantly in every case.
Capt. Dunlop, the well-known steamboat owner of Kingston, says: "Along with many others I have pleasure in expressing my grateful thanks for the benefits derived from using Catarrh. I suffered twenty years from bronchitis, and experienced my first relief from Catarrh, which I am convinced is the best bronchial remedy on the globe."
The dollar package of Catarrh lasts two months, and is guaranteed to cure permanently. Sample size 25 cents at all dealers. Beware of substitutes, which are not so good as "Catarrh."
Teelaid produces most of the world's supply of elderdown, the annual sale amounting to something over 7,000 pounds. Most of this is shipped to Copenhagen and commands from \$2.41 to \$2.50 a pound.



JEWELLERY REPAIRING

Have you any jewellery that needs repairing? If so, and you will place it in our hands, we will undertake to make it good and serviceable for a very small cost.

Any old-fashioned jewellery that you don't care to wear, we can make into something modern, or we will give you cash value for the old gold or silver.

Let us see what you have, and we will give you an estimate for putting it in good order.

C. E. REDFERN

43 Government St.

Established 1862. Telephone 118.

NEW SEEDS

Flower and Vegetable Steele-Brigg's Co.

20 lbs Sugar, \$1.30.

Ogilvie's Flour, \$1.65.

Hardress Clarke

86 DOUGLAS STREET.

MADE THEIR DEBUT.

Watson Company Scored a Success at Redmond Last Night—Other Attractions.

At the Redmond theatre last night the Watson company were introduced to Victoria's play-goers in a really excellent production of "The Power of the Cross," or "The Christian." As John Storm, a character which requires the utmost fineness on the part of the player to prevent the role from becoming melodramatic, Hayden Stevenson was all that could be desired, while Miss Ethel Roberts, as the auburn-haired Max Lassie, was truly one of the features of the bill. Miss Roberts rose to each climax with the touch of a true artist, and if her future work is as clean as her portrayal of Glory Quayle, she is destined to become a favorite in Victoria. All the other characters were admirably played, and the Watson company won their way into the good graces of a large audience. "The Christian" will be the bill at the Redmond for tonight, to-morrow afternoon and to-morrow night.

The company, throughout their entire engagement here, will present nothing but popular dramas, and in that capacity will undoubtedly maintain the standard established by the aggregation presided over by Mr. Redmond.

Old-Time Favorites.

Though there were more first nights in Victoria last night than often happens in one night in New York, Clara Mathes had a good audience to welcome her. The company is an entirely new one, and while the former troupe Miss Mathes brought had a number of Victoria favorites, the present one is much better, and would be a good attraction at any price. In addition to a clever dramatic company the specialties are of unusually good quality and the performance is continuous. The play was the timely one, "A Russian Spy." Unlike most comedy dramas, it is founded on fact, so the customary charge of improbability cannot be brought, though in this case truth is stranger than fiction. Clara Mathes, always a favorite here, shows marked improvement, and the support was of such uniform excellence that it is difficult to single out any for particular praise. In costume and in other details the production was satisfactory and the entertainment was enjoyable with nothing to mar it from beginning to end. It will be surprising if the "standing room only" sign is not again in demand at this theatre while the Clara Mathes company is here. "A Russian Spy" will be played until Thursday evening, when the entire programme is changed.

At the Grand.

The absence of Teddy Box from the Grand theatre on Johnson street is more than made up for by the general excellence and variety of the acts which go to make up Manager Jamieson's offer-

ing for the present week. While there is not a poor or dull turn in the lot, the particular feature is undoubtedly Musical Bentley, whose exquisite rendering of difficult selections on the xylophone surprises and delights musical lovers generally. Last evening his selections included the rag time march, "Africana" (Berliner), the serenade "Moonlight" (Mure) and the overture from "Poet and Peasant" (Von Suppe), followed by a medley of popular airs given in response to repeated encores. Cora Miskel and her two pickinies have another strong turn. Miss Miskel is a fine coon shouter, and the youngsters accompany in the songs, and also give a remarkable exhibition of buck and wing dancing. Huntress has a beautiful and spectacular act, introducing a song and also serpentine dances, one being on a revolving globe. Fanny Donovan is as captivating and clever as of old, and received a hearty welcome after an absence of several months; and Morgan and Chester have an excruciatingly funny sketch, entitled "Did I Say Good Night?" F. Roberts's song is entitled "The Sweetest Girl in Dixie," and the moving pictures are among the most laughable yet presented, entitled "The Chicken Thief."

"Don Caesar De Bazan." "Don Caesar De Bazan" holds a prominent place among the plays to be presented by Charles B. Hanford during the present season. Those who have seen Mr. Hanford's Petruchio in "The Taming of the Shrew" can well imagine the skill with which he will present the airy, fancy, sparkling humor and exquisite grace of this Don Caesar. Miss Marie Drofnah will be seen in the role of Maritana, the songstress of the street, whose grace and beauty attract the attentions of the King, and whose charms are utilized by Don Jose, his prime minister, to further his own ambition, which she, by her true womanhood and the assistance of the Queen, defeats. Through her pure love, Don Caesar is led to throw off the adventurer and live worthy of his name. Miss Drofnah's previous good work is a guarantee of her success in this difficult role. The company, including Frank Hennig, Ferd. Hight, Edward D'Olio, Henry MacLade, Miss Bessie Hunter Hight, Miss Margaret Oswald and others have been engaged with care to their especial fitness for the parts assigned. The scenic equipment, with the special electric effects and the elaborate costuming, makes this production one of the most notable of Mr. Hanford's career.

Mr. Hanford will present "Don Caesar De Bazan" on Friday, February 24th, at the Victoria theatre.

WHY IS THIS THUS?

To the Editor:—Can it be true that the chairman of the school board sends his child to a private school? Isn't it up to him to make our public schools good enough for anybody?

PLEBIAN.

Feb. 21st, 1905.

Contractors' Supplies

—AND—

General Hardware

THE HICKMAN TYE HARDWARE CO., LD.

32 and 34 Yates Street, Victoria, B. C.

P. O. DRAWER 613.

TELEPHONE 59.

YOU WISH TO BE UP-TO-DATE? WE CAN HELP YOU

ENQUIRE OF

Our Book Ordering Department

For advice on the latest works on

ELECTRICITY, MARINE, FARMING,

ENGINEERING, FISH CULTURE, MINING.

In fact any subject our experience and Complete Reference Library is at your disposal.

T. N. HIBBEN & COMPANY,

BOOKSELLERS. ESTABLISHED, 1854.

DAVID SPENCER,

LIMITED.

A New Assortment of Fancy Linens on Sale Wednesday

Direct from Ireland, and all hand work.

All these pieces are worked by the peasants, mostly in the winter months, when it is impossible for them to work on the farm.

This lot was secured from one of the agents who supplies the peasants with material to embroider, and the values are better than we have ever offered.

Sizes and Prices

9x9 inches, at 35c.

12x12 inches, scalloped round embroidered shapes, 20c. and 35c.

18x18, hemstitched border, with drawn work and hand embroidered centre, 60c.

20x20, eight handsome designs: prices, 60c. to \$2.00.

A new design, embroidered on the hemstitched border, as well as the centre.

Round and square shapes.

24x24; new fancy hem, with embroidered corners, \$1.50.

Squares—20x30, 32x32, 36x36, and 45x45; prices, 60c. to \$6.00.

Round and square shapes.

The new heavy embroidery, 18x27, 18x45, 18x54, and 18x72; prices, 25c. to \$3.00 each.

New hemstitch and embroidery designs.

New Shirt Waists

On Thursday we will show the first shipment of Summer Waists.

New Lace Ties

Cream and Ecru; prices, 75c. to \$2.75. All the newest designs.

New Lace Collars

Prices, 75c. to \$3.00.

Net Curtains

With lace frill.



GET A BOTTLE OF BOWES'
Buttermilk Toilet Lotion

Now. It prevents chaps. Soothes and heals. Is not greasy nor sticky. Gloves can be worn immediately after using. Once used always liked. 25c.

Cyrus H. Bowes,
CHEMIST,
98 Government St., Near Yates St.

STEAMER "WHATOOM."
Victoria to Seattle.
Single fare 2.00.
Round trip \$3.50.
Daily except Sunday, 8 p.m.

**LOVERS LANE
ROSS BAY**

7 Roomed Dwelling \$1,000
Or Partly Furnished \$1,150
Terms if desired. Commands a view of the Straits and mountains. 2 minutes' walk from beach. This is a bargain.
Money to Loan.
Fire Insurance Written.
Stores and Dwellings to Let.

P. R. Brown Co., Ltd
PHONE 1076. 30 BROAD ST.



buying liquors that will be wise for you to follow is to always insist on getting good quality. When you sample the **RED WHEAT CANDIAN RYE** that we are selling, there will be a smile of satisfaction on your face with the liquor-satisfaction with your good judgement in selecting such a fine article. Sold everywhere.

Pither & Leiser,
Wholesale
Victoria and Vancouver

FOR SALE
3 very desirable lots in Cloverdale Estate. Contain about 10 acres. Inquire for terms.
6 roomed house, 2 lots, on Heywood avenue. Only \$1,000 cash.

FOR RENT
1 1/2 story house, containing 7 rooms, with large garden; good cellar, with brick floor and stove. \$10 per month.
Office for rent, well located on Government street; suitable for stenographer, typewriter, etc. \$6 per month.
5 roomed cottage, furnished, with bath, near car line; \$15 per month.

JAS. A. DOUGLAS
REAL ESTATE OFFICES,
Phone 1040. 73 1/2 Government St.

**SPRING GOODS
ARRIVED**

We have just received a large assortment
**FINE WORSTEDS and
SCOTCH TWEEDS**
From the best manufacturers. Call and see them.

PEDEN'S
36 Fort St., Merchant Tailor.

NOW
Is the Time to Buy
Real Estate

We have some of the finest building sites and homes in Victoria at prices and terms to suit everyone's pocket.

Grant & Conyers
NO. 2 VIEW ST.

RUPTURE

HEARD'S MECHANICAL APPLIANCES for all forms of Rupture in men, women and children; absolutely guaranteed. Come and try it free. Office, Moody Block, 76 Yates street, Victoria, B. C. Office hours, 10 to 12 a. m. and 2 to 5 p. m.; Saturday night only, 7 to 9 p. m., and by appointment.
Address all correspondence to W. A. Turner, in charge of Victoria office.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF

—Take in a supply of "SLAB WOOD" before the wet weather sets in. To be had at Lemon, Gonsness & Co.'s mills. Telephone 77. Prompt delivery.

—Strong, effective spark guards at Weiler Bros., 24x30 and 30x30, with square of French tops. Prices from \$1.75 each. Weiler Bros.

Prescriptions Dispensed
AT B. C. DRUG STORE.
Bring your prescriptions to us. Dispensed promptly; accurate guaranteed. Prices moderate.
J. TEAGUE,
27 JOHNSON ST. PHONE 356.

Lovers' Lane (Wine Road) Disinfectant
Powder dusted in the bath softens the water at the same time and disinfects it.

—Captain Hugh H. Torlesse, who is to relieve Commodore Goodrich in command of H. M. S. Bonaventure, will arrive here, it is expected, on Friday or Saturday. He will immediately take over charge of the ship, freeing the commodore from the position, thus allowing the latter to make ready for his departure for England early next month.

—Union Prayer Meetings.—The Evangelistic Band, who have lately assisted at revival services in connection with the different churches, have made arrangements to hold a united prayer meeting in the Harmony hall mission. View street, between Blanchard and Quadra streets, every Wednesday at 8 p.m. The special object of these meetings will be prayer for the deepening of spiritual life in individual Christian workers, and the outpouring of God's spirit in this city and province. All Christians are earnestly invited to attend.

General admission Drill hall to-night 25c.

—Messrs. Todd and Munie are making active preparations in Esquimalt for the coming fishing season. A number of the outer buildings in connection with their new cannery are well advanced, and the work in all directions is being pushed ahead without delay. A start is also to be made on the Capital City Cannery & Packing Company's property. For temporary purposes the company intend using a couple of old Hudson's Bay buildings now standing, which with slight alterations can be made to suit present requirements.

—Splendid congregations are attending the evangelistic services in the Central Methodist church. The meetings were very successful last week, and this week the interest is deepening. The services were very powerful on Sunday, when many decided to live the better life. Intense interest is being taken by the members and public. This evening Rev. R. J. McIntyre will preach. All the services are in charge of the pastor. The meetings will be held each evening at 8 o'clock. The meetings open with a song service.

**DR. PRICE'S
Cream Baking Powder**
Made from Grapes

45 Cents
a pound can

25 Cents
a half-pound can

At all grocers

For fifty years Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder has been the standard. It is the greatest aid to perfect household cookery.

With least labor and trouble it makes all hot-breads, biscuit and cake of finest flavor; light, appetizing and wholesome.

**THE GRAND OLD
MAN OF THE STAGE**

**J. H. STODDART TALKS
TO TIMES REPORTER**

Dean of American Drama Full of Enthusiasm and Cheerfulness of Youth—His Career.

Seventy-eight years of age and still before the footlights, not like some venerable ruin ravaged by the onslaughts of time and merely suggestive of departed glory, but rather like a grand old oak, erect, virile and unimpaired by the withering process of age. Such is J. H. Stoddart, "old man Stoddart" as he is affectionately called by his host of admiring contemporaries, who is now in the city, filling what may be his last engagement here. He is undoubtedly the dean of the American stage, a statement made advisable because of the fact that his only possible rival to that distinction, Joseph Jefferson, "dear old Rip," another prince of the realm drama, is a year or so his junior. And yet despite his nearly four score years, despite the continuous labor of more than half a century, the mental strain attendant upon his calling, the ups and downs that fall to the lot of every devotee of the stage, he gives to-day a piece of character delineation in the part of stern old Lachlan Campbell that must endure for many generations as a model of his kind. The splendid old knights of the stage were wont to be inseparably associated with some particular instructive triumph. Edmund Keen, Macready, Edwin Forrest, Barry Sullivan, the elder and younger Booths and Irving have all presented the world with pictures which will stand for all time, preserving their striking realism and gorgeous coloring unimpaired. So it is with Stoddart as Lachlan Campbell. His portrayal of this celebrated part has long since been appropriated by the stage historian, and it will rank with the masterpieces of the past in the annals of the drama.

Off the stage Mr. Stoddart is brimful of the characteristics of youth. True, the years have liberally flaked his hair and left some of their other traces, but they could not subdue the youthful spirit, impair the keenness of his senses or change his deep, resonant voice into the "shrill treble that pipes and whistles in its tone," as gloomy Jacques had it in the sylvan glades of Arden. Mr. Stoddart is as physically fit as most of the "young fellows" of fifty or thereabouts, and mentally he is as strong as years of minute observation and cultivation can make any man so signally gifted as he. He has a grip as firm as that of a Big Four carman, a hand-shake that wins one by its heartiness even before the genial and courteous bearing completes the process of captivation.

A Times representative called upon him yesterday afternoon and had the privilege of hearing from the veteran some of his earlier experiences and reminiscences. He was born in Yorkshire, the son of an itinerant actor. By the way, how many great stars of the stage were the sons and daughters of the old-time itinerant actors?—many, indeed. From Yorkshire the Stoddarts went to Scotland, and in Glasgow J. H. and his brother Bob, who also became an actor, received their early training. It was there that he acquired the fastidious Scottish dialect which makes the character of Lachlan Campbell so vividly real. The Theatre Royal was the school of acting of the two aspiring youngsters, and they enjoyed the pleasure and received the instruction of appearing in subordinate parts with the great Macready and other famous players. Then the brothers took in the country districts, playing throughout the length and breadth of Scotland. It was in these tours that Mr. Stoddart first encountered the stern, unbending, Levitical, God-fearing people of whom Lachlan Campbell is a perfect type. "Three times to the kirk on the Sabbath and the strictest and most unrelenting observance of the day were the chapter and verse for the weekly twenty-four-hour seasons that these people lived, and such is the Lachlan Campbell of the play. Why, so intense was this feeling in the experience of the old actor, that he and his brother were fired out of a boarding house by an irate landlady because the latter had dared to "whistle on the Sabbath."

J. H. Stoddart came to New York in 1854, just fifty years ago, and joined the stock company presided over by the elder Wallack, father of Lester Wallack, of revered memory. "Ah, but they were grand actors, father and son," the veteran mused, "splendid, splendid, both of them. One doesn't meet their like these days."

Then he associated himself with a stock company at the Laura Keane theatre, and finally joined the Palmer company in the Union Square theatre, New York. With Mr. Palmer, Mr. Stoddart remained for twenty years. Those stock companies were the most faithful sponsors of the classic drama. There was nothing trashy, bizarre nor meretricious in their repertoire; on the contrary, their programmes held the casts of the Shakespearean, Sheridan, Knowles and Bondoulli plays.

Mr. Stoddart was content to play in these fine old companies, and disregarded the opportunities for stardom that are now seized upon with avidity, and strange as it may seem, the "Bonnie Brier Bush" is his first venture as a star. The circumstances of the dramatic production of Ian MacLaren's well known work are these: Mr. McArthur, the dramatist, taking his cue from the success of Maude Adams in "The Little Minister," concluded that a dramatized version of "The Bonnie Brier Bush," with Mr. Stoddart in a leading role, would go equally well. Mr. Stoddart expressed doubt that Rev. Mr. Watson would permit his characters to be presented on the stage. However, Mr. McArthur wrote to the author, and the latter replied that he had no objection, provided the work was well done. Mr. Stoddart decided that the character Lachlan Campbell was the one best suited for him, and he chose it, with the result that he achieved a veritable triumph, a triumph that has been sustained. And none was more deeply pleased at his success than the gifted author, Ian MacLaren. He witnessed a performance in Boston, and after it was over made his way to Mr. Stoddart's dressing-room, and, grasping his hand, said, "Mr. Stoddart, I saw your performance of

the "Bonnie Brier Bush" and am greatly pleased. The play will do a lot of good." It was a large audience that hung last night in breathless attention upon every syllable that was uttered in the climactic second act, that was swayed by the power of the fine old player, that experienced with him revulsion of feeling which overcame him after he had driven his daughter from his roof, and felt a responsive thrill at the reconciliation. And that same audience was won to laughter by the inimitable art of Reuben Fax, whose "Poetry" is one of the rarest pieces of stagecraft ever beheld here.

A pleasant incident occurred yesterday afternoon when Dr. Milne, president of the St. Andrew's Society, met Mr. Stoddart at the Strand and presented him with the following expression from the society:

Victoria, February 20th, 1905.
Dear Mr. Stoddart:—As we hear that this is possibly your last visit to our city, at least as a representative of the stage, as president of the St. Andrew's Society of Victoria, I wish to extend to you on behalf of the executive and its members our heartfelt gratitude for the able manner in which you have portrayed the Scottish character in your play, "The Bonnie Brier Bush." The play has done much to place before the public the inner and better life of the people of "Auld Scotia." We one and all wish you yet to be spared for many years to enjoy the labors of a life so well spent in pleasing and benefiting mankind. I have the honor to remain, yours very sincerely,
G. L. MILNE, M. D.,
President of St. Andrew's Society, Victoria, B. C.

Accompanying this letter were bouquets of "white" presented by R. H. Jameson and H. J. Mackie, a flower which may be found in some parts of Victoria throughout the entire year. The veteran player acknowledged the courtesies of the Victoria association in cordial, happy terms.

ROUTINE ONLY CONSIDERED.
Council of the Board of Trade Met This Morning—Business Transacted.

A meeting of the council of the board of trade was held this morning. Arising from the proceedings of the previous meeting, the report of the railway committee recommending that arrangements be made with railway and tramway companies for the delivery of goods in cars at merchants' warehouses, was taken up. In view of the transfer of the E. & N. railway to the C. P. R. the report was referred back to the committee to act upon their own suggestions.

A year ago the boards of trade of Victoria and Vancouver took up the matter of amendments to the Bills of Sale Act, and a committee waited upon the Attorney-General and reported the changes desired, with the request that the necessary legislation be brought down that session. A draft bill was prepared, and over the payment of the expenses thereof a misunderstanding has arisen. Correspondence was read, and it was decided to refer this back to the Vancouver board.

A communication from Lutes & Lutes, Philadelphia, asked the inducements offered by Victoria for securing additional manufacturing industries in this city. This was referred to the manufacturers' committee for report.

A resolution of the fisheries committee was next read as follows: "That the council move to take up the matter of progressive close seasons on the Fraser, if a limit asked by the board is not maintained above New Westminster bridge."

This was adopted, and the minister of marine and fisheries will be notified accordingly. The meeting then adjourned.

The annual reports of the corporation have been published, and may be obtained on application at the office of the city clerk.

A social will be given by the warrant officers, staff sergeants and sergeants' club at Fives Court, Work Point barracks, to-morrow evening. An invitation has been sent to the staff sergeants and sergeants, Fifth Regiment, Canadian Artillery.

On application of Geo. Jay, jr., in Chambers yesterday, Mr. Justice Martin granted probate of the will of the late Mr. Denny. The personal estate is \$102,410, and the real estate is valued at \$8,850, a total of \$111,260, which is to be equally divided among the family.

The city council will hold several meetings this week to consider the estimates. An adjourned session will be held on Thursday evening, when the petition from Turner, Beaton & Co. and other prominent business men regarding the Songhees reserve, read at last night's meeting of the council, will come up for consideration.

It has been decided to postpone the weekly sitting of the Y. M. C. A. stock parliament set for Friday night in order that an illustrated lecture may be delivered by A. B. Clabon, a prominent Eastern commercial traveller. Having travelled through Canada, the United Kingdom, France and Belgium, Mr. Clabon will be able to give a thoroughly interesting and instructive address. We have more than 200 views, and the collection is exceedingly varied. A large attendance is anticipated.

Two deputations interviewed the city council previous to the weekly meeting last evening. One was a representation from the cigarmakers' union requesting a remission of the tax on their trade, on the ground that they were already taxed by the Dominion government. The council promised to take the matter under consideration. The other deputation represented the directors of the Jubilee hospital, and consisted of Messrs. Humphreys, James and Forman. They solicited the council's aid in the construction of a septic tank. The council expressed their willingness to do their utmost to improve the sanitary conditions of that part of the city, and will further consider the question.

Tortured Feet Relieved

If your shoes hurt, don't throw them away. They can be made comfortable immediately by using FOOT ELM. Try it once and you will be a firm believer. You can wear shoes a size smaller with comfort and run no danger of corns. 25 cents at all druggists.



SPOT CASH NO CREDIT
CLOSING OUT
Shawls at a Half and Less

Can you wonder at people saying "What next?" when we offer such useful articles as the following at a reduction of a half, and even less than half, regular prices:

On Sale Wednesday

Fascinator Shawls	Large Shawls
Wool Fascinators, slightly damaged. Regular value 50c. each. WEDNESDAY 10c	Wool Shawls and Fascinators, in all colors, including Black. Worth up to \$1.25 each. WEDNESDAY 50c
Wool Fascinators, in all colorings. Regular 65c. each. WEDNESDAY 25c	Extra Large Honeycomb Wool Shawls, in Grey, Black, Red and Blue; also Shetland Wool Fascinators and Circular Wool Shawls. Worth up to \$2.00 each. WEDNESDAY 75c
Circular Shawls "Knitted" Wool Shawls; also Grey Honeycomb Shawls. Worth up to \$2.50 each. WEDNESDAY \$1.00	

WATCH WINDOWS FOR SPECIAL BARGAINS

The Hutcheson Co., Ltd., Victoria, B. C., Feb. 21st 1905

Good Clothes for Boys

There's plenty of snaps to our boys' clothing, and hard wear is satisfactorily resisted.

Lion Brand

The best, that's all; possesses an extra attractiveness in the manner of stylish cut, perfect fit and easy prices; every strain point is provided for. Trousers have double seats and double knees. Altogether the best clothing that's made for strong, sturdy boys.

The new styles are ready, but it's more pleasure to see than read about, so we invite you to the showing.

Suits \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50 and \$6.00
Knickers 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25
W. G. CAMERON,
55 JOHNSON STREET.

New Standard Songs

Time's Roses, by Barry.
Oh, Happy World, by John-son.
Violet Eyes, by Villa.
Look Down, Dear Eyes, by Lambert.
Dewy Roses, by Von Holst
Love's Echo, by Newton.

M. W. WAITT & CO. LIMITED.
44 GOVERNMENT ST.

RETIRING FROM BUSINESS

GENUINE HALF PRICE SALE

Every article in the store will be sold POSITIVELY AT HALF THE REGULAR MARKED PRICE until the entire stock is cleared off.

COMMENCING JANUARY 7th.

Stevens & Jenkins
84 DOUGLAS ST.

New 10c Music

Hakama

A JAPANESE INTERMEZZO.
Something absolutely new, with a fine swing for dancing.

FLETCHER BROS.
UP-TO-DATE MUSIC HOUSE.

MONEY TO LOAN

ON IMPROVED REAL ESTATE, AT CURRENT RATES OF INTEREST.

SWINERTON & ODDY,
302 GOVERNMENT ST.

SANIAL MIDY

Standard remedy for Gleet, Gonorrhea and Runny Nose. 40 HOUSE. Cures all the key and bladder troubles.

Fresh Eggs

30 Cents Per Dozen

Mowat's Grocery, 77 Yates St.

Free Silverware With Every Sale

IS WITHDRAWAL OF BAYS JUSTIFIED?

LIVE SUBJECT AMONG
LOCAL BASKETBALLERS

Was Discussed at Length at Meeting
Last Evening—Status of
the Case.

The Victoria Basketball Association held a meeting at the Y. M. C. A. rooms last evening, when the question of whether the James Bay Athletic Association was justified in withdrawing senior, intermediate and junior teams from the respective leagues was discussed. C. Fairall, of Victoria West, occupied the chair, and there were present D. Leeming and B. C. Pettigall, of the James Bay Athletic Association; P. Marchant, F. Y. M. A.; J. Hancock, Cloverdale; F. Baker, V. W. A. A.; R. Dunn, Y. M. C. A. and a representative from the Fifth Regiment. After a secretary had been temporarily appointed in the place of Stanley Porter, who was absent, the minutes were read and adopted.

The appended communication from the secretary of the J. B. A. A. was read:

Victoria, B. C., 15th Feb., 1905.

Stanley Porter, Esq., Hon. Secy. Victoria Basketball League, City:

Dear Sir—I have been instructed by the committee of management to notify you that our association has withdrawn its senior, intermediate and junior teams from the league on account of the failure of the league to live up to the by-laws and rules adopted for season of 1904-05, a clause of which reads: "Any member of a team of any one athletic association in the league, after playing in one league game, is restricted from playing for any other team in the league games during the season." This clause the league has totally ignored or misinterpreted, considering our protest of game, Fernwood vs. J. B. A. A. junior teams, on 23rd Jan., 1905.

I am also instructed to demand a refund of entrance fees in senior and junior grades. So far as our intermediate team is concerned, the final result is not affected and the refund of entrance fee in that grade is not asked.

In closing, I might add that this club is always willing to stand by any fair decision in any branch of sport which might affect members of this club, but in the present instance the injustice is considered so flagrant that we cannot let it pass without taking some action.

Yours faithfully,

E. P. JOHNSTON, Secretary.

This opened up a somewhat lengthy discussion. The dispute, as is generally known, centres upon the playing of R. Lory, a bona fide member of the Fernwood Athletic Association, with the Fifth Regiment intermediates in a league match. Messrs. Leeming (J. B. A. A.), Marchant (F. Y. M. A.) and Coldwell (V. W. A. A.), participated in the debate. The former claimed that the player mentioned had been guilty of a breach of the league's constitution, and, therefore, should be disqualified. The clause upon which he based his argument reads: "Any member of a team of any one athletic association in the league, after playing in one league game, is restricted from playing for any other team in the league games during the season." He pointed out that, although no penalty was provided, it was certainly implied, and any fair-minded person would not hesitate in supporting the disqualification of a player transgressing the regulation mentioned.

"Then why didn't the J. B. A. A. juniors protest their match with the Fifth Regiment when Lory, a well-known Fernwood man, assisted the militia team?" queried Mr. Marchant.

"Who ever heard of a team protesting a victory? Under such circumstances there is no ground for a protest, and it isn't natural for junior players to complain because the constitution is being broken, proving it doesn't affect them," retorted Mr. Leeming.

Continuing, Mr. Marchant explained that Mr. Lory was a member of the F. Y. M. A. in good standing. When he had gone to the Fifth Regiment intermediates there was no doubt that the constitution had been transgressed. Then was the time for the James Bays to protest. Had it been done on that occasion it would have been upheld unanimously. But they won that game and allowed the matter to slide. The J. B. A. A. met the Fernwood intermediates with Lory as one of the latter team's players, and were successful. Again they took no action. When, however, a third match with the Fernwoods resulted in defeat,

We, the undersigned members of the Joseph Murphy Theatrical Company, wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Wetmore for their kindness and hospitality during our short stay in Victoria, and have much pleasure in recommending

THE OCCIDENTAL HOTEL

To all who wish to have a first-class Hotel at very reasonable prices.

J. J. HYLAND, Acton's Society.
MISS ANNIE O'BRIEN, Acton's Society.
W. T. SHEEHAN, Acton's Society.
JOSEPH FITZPATRICK, Acton's Society.
MARK HARRISON, Acton's Society.
The Occidental Hotel is steadily growing popular with the travelling public. Rates, \$1 per day.

VAL. H. WETMORE, Prop.

the protest was immediately submitted. He claimed that the Bays' stand wasn't tantamount to a protest, and could not be justified by the constitution. It read in part: "Is restricted from playing with any other team." Therefore the J. B. A. A., by letting Lory play with the Fifth Regiment without protest, had missed the chance of obtaining redress. The player mentioned being a member of the Fernwoods was not outside his rights in playing for that team.

Mr. Leeming acknowledged the view taken by other delegates, and agreed to lay the matter before the J. B. A. A. basketball committee.

It was unanimously decided that the communication be referred back to the James Bay management committee.

The meeting then adjourned.

J. B. A. A. v. TACOMA.

To-morrow evening an exhibition match will be played between the J. B. A. A. senior and Tacoma Y. M. C. A. championships at the annex hall, corner of Broad and Pandora streets. This game should prove the finest seen here for many months. The Tacoma five has earned a wide reputation and claims the Pacific Coast championship. The James Bay team questioned their right to the title mentioned, and they agreed to come here and make an effort to demonstrate their superiority.

Needless to say the James Bays have been training assiduously. Messrs. Belyea and Peden will act as forwards, and at centre K. Hughes may be depended upon. N. Gray and B. C. Pettigall are mentioned to hold down the opposing forwards, and some close checking may be anticipated.

The personnel of the Tacoma team will be given in these columns to-morrow. Play will commence at 8 o'clock.

A CHALLENGE.

A challenge is issued by Fairall Bros. to any other local business house for a friendly match.

HOCKEY.

RESULTED IN DRAW.

At Work Point barracks yesterday the R. E. and Vancouver teams contested a league match. It resulted in a draw, each eleven securing a goal. The game was refereed by K. Schofield.

BASEBALL.

TO PLAY FIRST BASE.

"Manager Griffith, of the New York American League team, has arranged for an exhibition game on March 27th at Natchez, Miss. Chase, Griffith's new first baseman, will not report in Montgomery, Ala., on March 1st, but will remain in California a week longer on account of the recent death of his brother."—New York Post.

THE KENNEL.

CLUB MEETING.

A meeting of the B. C. Collie Club will be held at 28 Broad street at 8 p. m. on Wednesday, at which all those who are interested in the advancement of the breed are requested to attend. Considerable business of importance is to come before the meeting, including further consideration of the by-laws. The date for holding the parlor show will be fixed and arrangements made for sheep trials. Membership tickets have been issued and all persons can secure same by calling on the president or secretary. The club is increasing in membership, and it is expected shortly to reach the one hundred mark.

POPE'S POOR RELATIVES.

Pope Pius X. does not believe in nepotism. A brother of his is a postal clerk at Mantua, one of his sisters keeps a tavern at Rivoli, another does tailoring at Talzano, a third keeps a store. The two sisters who used to do his house-keeping followed him to Rome. They do not live in the Vatican, however, but have a few rooms in a quiet part of the city, where they do their own work. They cannot call on the Pope without previously notifying Bialeli, the maestro di casa.

The Appeal court, Brussels, has given judgment in favor of King Leopold in the law suit instituted by his daughter, the Princess Stephanie, and the creditors of Prince Louis, of Saxe-Cobourg and Gotha, claiming that they were entitled under the Belgian law to half the property on the death of the Queen.

ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF PAARDEBERG DAY

Entertainment to Be Given Under Auspices of Fifth Regiment To-Night at Drill Hall.

The anniversary of Paardeberg day will be celebrated this evening at the drill hall, where an entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Fifth regiment, the programme having been formed through each of the six companies agreeing to provide some attraction. The sergeants' mess and officers also extended every assistance in the preparations, while the High school cadets volunteered their co-operation in order to contribute in a measure towards the success of the entertainment.

Without a doubt the features will be the attack upon a trench by members of No. 4 company, the defence being conducted by No. 3 company. The structure around which the sham battle will be waged is of formidable dimensions. It stands at the rear of the drill hall and closely resembles a fort of stone and concrete. From the centre peeps the threatening muzzle of an 18-pounder field gun, whilst just above are Maxim's. Along the wall at regular intervals are small loopholes. Although No. 4 company (the attacking force) has certainly the most difficult task, steps have been taken to give them some chance of success. The floor between the front of the hall and the fort will be covered with fir trees, etc., behind which the troops will be able to secure protection during the advance.

The Fifth regiment and the High school cadet corps will fall in at 7.45 o'clock promptly. Forming in squares the Lieut.-Governor will deliver a brief address and present the trophies, etc., won during the past few months. This ceremony completed the following programme will be introduced:

Band Selection
Victoria High School Cadet Corps
Hercule Drill and Balancava Mole
No. 4 Company
13-Pounder Drill and Dismounting
No. 1 Company vs. No. 3 Company
Bayonet Drill
No. 2 Company
Basketball
Ladies
Physical Drill
Nos. 5 and 6 Companies
Tug-of-War
Left Half Regiment vs. Right Half Regiment
Band Selection
Storming of Fort-Defence by No. 3 Company; attack by No. 4 Company.

Arrangements have been made for heating the drill hall and for the accommodation of the crowds expected. A general admission of 25 cents will be charged. Those who wish to obtain good seats should make a point of being present early in the evening.

Paine's Celery Compound

Made Your Friends and Neighbors Well.

Mrs. George B. Griswold, Nanaimo, B. C., writing specially for women, says: "The grand success of Paine's Celery Compound in my case, leads me to believe that it has no equal in the world for curing the ills of women. For three years, female troubles, dyspepsia and nervousness made me a shadow of my former self. I was treated by competent doctors, and took a sea trip that lasted six weeks, but got home again feeling no better. After reading one of your books on Paine's Celery Compound, I bought a supply and used it faithfully. Three bottles were sufficient to convince me that I had found a friend and helper. Six bottles, thank God, banished all my complaints and made me a new woman. I am anxious that every suffering woman should know what Paine's Celery Compound has done for me."

The Medicine That Operates Directly on the Nerves and Blood

THREE CONFESSIONS

Made By Men Regarding a Single Crime.

On May 1st, 1894, a Hammersmith butcher, James Robert Wells, who was also a bookmaker in a small way, was arrested on Barnes Common in very mysterious circumstances. Recently for the third time, voluntary confession of the crime was made to the police. Geo. Frampton, aged 64, a pianoforte maker, called at the Hammersmith police station, and said he wished to give himself up for the murder of Mr. Wells.

Frampton was charged and a document, which he had dictated and signed, was read in court. It was to the effect that at the time of the murder he was working at Kirkman's piano factory, and that he had been transacting with Wells, and that the latter owned him £40, and said he could not pay as he had no money.

The statement continued as follows: "I asked him for the money in his shop several times. On the day of the murder I saw him in his shop between 1 and 2 p.m. He would not pay me, and I waited for him until late at night, and about 11 p.m. followed him over Hammersmith bridge, to Barnes Common.

"When he got near the cemetery I asked him again for my money, but he had not got it. I had a bar of iron under my coat that I had taken from Kirkman's factory. He turned away, and I struck him on the back of the head with it." The police attach little importance to the confession, and the murder of James Wells is likely to remain what it

Peer and Peasant in the British Realm

have for more than a quarter of a century looked upon

Hunyadi Janos

Natural Laxative
Mineral Water

as the most efficient and yet most gentle remedy for CONSTIPATION and all complaints arising from a sluggish Liver. Half a tumblerful taken in the morning on rising brings gentle, sure and ready relief.

has been for nearly 11 years—an inscrutable mystery. Wells lived at Glenthorne road, Hammersmith, where his sisters called on him on the evening of Tuesday, May 1st, 1894. He saw them to their home at Putney, and then started to walk back over Barnes Common to Hammersmith. At ten minutes before midnight the sound of a police whistle drew a police sergeant to a spot on the common near Queen's road. There he found Mr. Wells bleeding from terrible wounds on the head and with both his hands cut. He died next morning.

A man named Alfred West was arrested, and charged with the crime. He established an alibi on indisputable evidence, and was discharged. A fortnight later Alfred Welch surrendered himself at Hammersmith as the murderer, but a few days later he repudiated his confession and was discharged. The crime was forgotten until Sunday, May 31st, 1905, when Arthur Barker, a painter, walked into Hammersmith police station, accused himself of the murder. This also proved to be an illusion.

Cowan's Cake Icings

Are good. Every lady who tries them likes them.

Chocolate, Pearl, Pink, White, Lemon Color, Almond and Orange.

A child can ice a cake in 3 minutes

SPRING

Prints, Gingham and Flannelettes. New Designs. Lower Prices. Also a Full Line of Men's Furnishings.

J. Piercy & Co.

Wholesale Dry Goods
Victoria, B. C.

Write for samples.

JOHN MESTON

Carriage Maker, Blacksmith, Etc.
BROAD ST., BETWEEN PANDORA AND JOHNSON.

FOR SALE

Six thousand pounds plate beef from H. M. Navy, in lots to suit; also express wagon, butcher cart and a hand cart, etc., etc., at

BITTANCOURT'S,
Cor. Yates St. Opp. Carnegie Library.
Phone 8618.

A. J. MALLETT,

Plumber and Steam Fitter
Gas and hot water fitting. Especial attention given to jobbing work.
77 YATES ST. TEL. 800A

Patents and Trade Marks

Procured in all countries. Searches of the records carefully made and reports given. Call or write for information.
OWLAND BRITAIN
Mechanical Engineer and Patent Attorney,
Room 3, Fairfield Block, Granville Street

ESQUIMALT AND NANAIMO RY.

TIME TABLE NO. 55.					
Taking Effect Wednesday, Oct. 25th.					
Northbound.	Southbound.	Northbound.	Sat. Sun. Southbound.	and Wed. Arrive.	P. M.
Leave.	Daily. Arrive.	Leave.	P. M.	P. M.	
Victoria	9.00	12.00	Victoria	8.00	7.00
Shawnigan Lake	10.20	10.40	Shawnigan Lake	4.20	5.40
Duncan	11.00	10.02	Duncan	5.00	5.00
Ladysmith	11.57	9.10	Ladysmith	5.52	4.00
Nanaimo	12.40	8.20	Nanaimo	6.42	3.15
Ar. Wellington	12.53	Lv. 8.00	Ar. Wellington	6.55	De. 8.00

THROUGH TICKETS TO CROFTON.
Stage leaves daily except Sundays, connecting with north and south-bound trains. Double stage service Wednesdays and Saturdays, connecting with morning and afternoon trains. Fare from Victoria: Single, \$2.40; Return, \$5.00.

THROUGH TICKETS VICTORIA TO ALBERNI.
Stage leaves Nanaimo Tuesdays and Fridays on arrival of train from Victoria. Fare from Victoria: Single, \$5.20; Return, \$8.60.

Excursion rates in effect to all points good going Saturday and Sunday, returning not later than Monday.

GEO. L. COUNTRY, Traffic Manager.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

China Mutual Steam Navigation Co. (Limited).
Joint Service From
Antwerp, London,
Glasgow and Liverpool

TO
Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle
and Tacoma

Steamers leave Birkenhead on or about Jan. 7th, Feb. 4th, March 4th, April 1st, and every 28 days thereafter.
For further information apply to
DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents,
Victoria, B. C.
Telephone 580.

If comfort, speed, efficient service, courteous treatment and good meals mean anything to you while travelling, then BE SURE you purchase your tickets via

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY

Through Tickets sold to all Points
2 Trains East 2

DAILY
8.05 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.

Direct connections made by leaving here on steamers at 8 p. m. or 11 p. m. The "All-Rail Route" to "All Potential Points."

For rates, folders and all information apply to
S. G. YERKES, K. J. BURNS,
G. W. F. A., Phone 690,
Seattle, 75 Government St.,

EXCELLENT Train Service

BETWEEN
CHICAGO, LONDON,
HAMILTON, TORONTO,
MONTREAL, QUEBEC,
PORTLAND, BOSTON,

and the Principal Business Centers of Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritime Provinces.

ALSO TO BUFFALO, NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA, VIA NIAGARA FALLS.

For Time Tables, etc., address
GEO. W. VAUX,
Assistant General Passenger and Ticket Agent,
120 N. LAKE ST., CHICAGO, ILL.

Famous Trains

The Southwest Limited
Kansas City to Chicago
The Overland Limited
Chicago via Omaha, and
The Pioneer Limited
St. Paul to Chicago, run via the

THE SHORTEST LINE, THE FINEST TRAINS, THE LOWEST RATES, THE FASTEST TIME.

Between
MINNEAPOLIS, ST. PAUL, CHICAGO, OMAHA, KANSAS CITY, AND ALL POINTS EAST.

For complete information, ask your local agent, or write
F. W. PARKER,
General Agent,
161 Yeaser Way, Seattle.

Are You Going East?

When you are sure your tickets read via the

North-Western Line

The only line now making UNION DEPOT connections at ST. PAUL and MINNEAPOLIS with the through trains from the Pacific Coast.

THE SHORTEST LINE, THE FINEST TRAINS, THE LOWEST RATES, THE FASTEST TIME.

Between
MINNEAPOLIS, ST. PAUL, CHICAGO, OMAHA, KANSAS CITY, AND ALL POINTS EAST.

For complete information, ask your local agent, or write
F. W. PARKER,
General Agent,
161 Yeaser Way, Seattle.

Atlantic Steamship Agency

Allen, American, Anchor, Atlantic Transport, Canadian Pacific, Cunard, Dominion, French, Hamburg-American, North German, Lloyd, Red Star, White Star. For full information apply to
H. H. ABBOT,
86 GOVERNMENT ST., VICTORIA, B. C.

For All Cord Wood

Cut, split and delivered to any part of the city, phone 234.

JONES & ROSIE

135 Douglas Street.

HALL & WALKER

AGENTS
Wellington Colliery Co's
COAL
—AND—
Gumbrland Anthracite
PHONE 85. 100 GOVERNMENT ST.

THE REGULAR SLEIGHS OF THE WHITE PASS AND YUKON ROUTE

Have been placed in operation between WHITE HORSE AND DAWSON. A special MAIL PASSENGER EXPRESS AND FAST FREIGHT SERVICE will be maintained during the balance of the season. Those going to or shipping goods to the TANANA will find that via SKAGWAY AND DAWSON is the only practical way to reach the camp.

For particulars apply to the General Freight and Passenger Agent, Vancouver, B. C.

Steamers of the Company, or for which it is Agent leave

FOR
San Francisco.

FROM VICTORIA, 7.30 P. M.
Senator, Feb. 27, March 14, 20.
City of Puebla, March 4, 10.
Umatilla, Feb. 22, March 9, 24.

Steamer leaves every fifth day thereafter.

LEAVE VICTORIA, 4 P. M.
S. S. Ramona, Feb. 21, March 7.

LEAVE SEATTLE, 9 A. M.
S. S. Cottage City and Ramona, Feb. 21, March 7, 14.

Steamers connect at San Francisco with Company's steamers for ports in California, Mexico and Humboldt Bay.

For further information obtain folder. Right is reserved to change steamers or sailing dates.

TICKET OFFICES:
VICTORIA, 96 Government and 61 Wharf St.
SAN FRANCISCO, 4 New Montgomery St.
C. D. DUNN, Gen. Passenger Agent,
10 Market St., San Francisco.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

A SPECIAL FEATURE
—OF THE—
TRANSCONTINENTAL EXPRESS

NEW TOURIST CARS

—TO—
TORONTO—Monday and Friday.
BOSTON—Wednesday.
MONTREAL—Saturday.

Through rates to all Eastern Canadian and United States points.

Regular sailings to China, Japan and Australian ports.

B. C. Coast Service

FROM VICTORIA.
For Skagway—S.S. "AMUR," Feb. 5 and 20, at 11 p. m.

For Northern B. C. Ports—S.S. "TEES," 1st and 15th of each month, at 11 p. m. For Nanaimo, Port Moody, and intermediate ports, calling at Skidegate first trip, and Bella Coola and Surf Inlet, second trip of month.

For Seattle—S.S. "PRINCESS BEATRICE," daily, except Sunday, at 11 p. m.

For Vancouver—S.S. "PRINCESS VICTORIA," daily, at 1 a. m.

For West Coast—S.S. "QUEEN CITY," at 11 p. m., 1st, 10th and 20th each month.

For New Westminster—S.S. "OTTIE," Tuesday and Friday, at 1 a. m.

FROM NEW WESTMINSTER.
For Skagway—S.S. "PRINCESS BEATRICE," daily, except Sunday, at 2 p. m. Additional trip Monday, at 5 p. m.

For Chilliwack—S.S. "BEAVER," Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 8 a. m.

For full particulars apply to
E. J. COYLE, H. H. ABBOTT,
A. G. F. A.,
Vancouver, 86 Government St.

NORTHERN PACIFIC

TICKET OFFICE.
Cor. Government and Yates Streets,
VICTORIA, B. C.

3-TRANSCONTINENTAL-3

—TRAINS DAILY—
One of which is the "Famous North Coast Limited." Ride on it once, ride on it all ways. Up-to-date Pullman and Tourist Sleepers on all trains. Through tickets issued to all points East and South, also Pullman tickets issued and berths reserved.

Steamship tickets on sale to all European Ports. Very low rates now in effect. They will not last. Cabin accommodation reserved by wire.

For further information call at the office, or phone No. 495.
A. D. GEARLTON, C. B. LANG,
A.G.P.A., N.P.,
Portland, Ore. General Agent, Victoria, B.C.

Oceanic S.S. Co.

HAWAII, BANGKOK, NEW ZEALAND AND SYDNEY. DIRECT LINE TO TAHITI.
S.S. VENTURA, for Auckland, Sydney, 2 p. m., Thursday, Feb. 23.
S.S. ALAMEDA, sails for Honolulu, Saturday, March 4, 11 a. m.
S.S. MARIPOSA, for Tahiti, March 15.
S.S. VENTURA, for Honolulu, 8.45 March 15.
Freight Office, 327 Market St., San Francisco, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29,

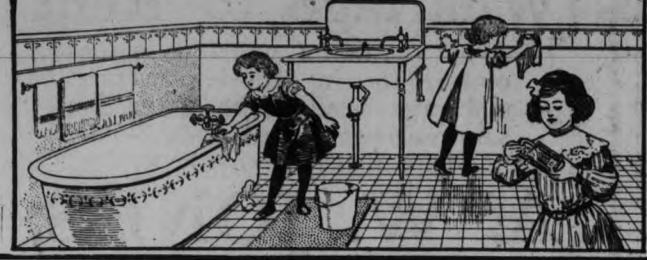
Sunlight Soap

saves wear and tear on you and your clothes. Next wash day try the Sunlight way and see how much more leisure it gives you and how much better it will be for your clothes. Use hard or soft water, the result will be good. No scrubbing, no boiling.

Try Sunlight.

Your purchase money refunded if you are not satisfied.

Lever Brothers Limited
Toronto



SEEK RELIEF FROM THE LEGISLATURE

ALDERMAN BRINGS QUESTION TO A HEAD

Regarding Financial Relations Between City Council and School Board—Last Evening's Meeting.

There was no tobacco smoke (a figure of speech) at the council meeting last evening, in other words it was a serene session in which a considerable quantity of business was transacted. There was an absence of debate, which indicated that the aldermen had sized up the order paper before assembling in the council chamber, and had thoroughly made up their minds. The committee room downstairs is where the aldermanic ideas are incubated; the council chamber is where those ideas are judiciously aired. A resolution was passed urging the Lieutenant Governor to introduce legislation to give the school board power to levy their own rates. This was along the line of action recommended by Mayor Barnard to the city council of Vancouver, and published in yesterday's Times. The resolution on the subject, which was read by Ald. Oddy, is as follows:

That the council is of the opinion that the present system whereby the school trustees are empowered to call upon the city council to pay an unlimited expenditure in respect to school matters, while the council is limited in its power of raising money for school purposes is wholly wrong in principle.

Therefore be it resolved, That the provincial government be requested to introduce legislation amending the School Act by requiring and supervising the trustees to pass by-laws for the purpose of levying rates for school purposes.

The under secretary of state, Ottawa, acknowledged the receipt of the city council's resolution regarding the Songhees reserve, and stated that it had been referred to the Governor-General-in-council. Received and filed.

The management of the Times drew the council's attention to the special number of the paper to be issued in June in celebration of its twenty-first birthday, and solicited support in the shape of civic advertisement. This was referred to the council's representatives on the executive board of the Tourist Association.

Geo. Riley, M. P., informed the council that until they obtained the permission of Porter Bros. he would oppose their application for permission to construct a wharf at the foot of Telegraph street. Referred to the streets committee.

James A. Bland, on behalf of the Horticultural Society, applied for an increased grant for the annual flower show in August next. Referred to the finance committee for report.

Dr. Fagan, secretary of the provincial board of health, requested the council's support for a petition to the governments of Canada and the province looking to the establishment of sanatoria for the treatment of tuberculosis. Received and filed.

Secretary Elworthy, of the board of trade, forwarded the resolution passed at a recent meeting regarding the Songhees reserve, the text of which has already been published in the Times. Received and filed.

A. T. Goward asked the sanction of the council to the immediate alteration of the Oak Bay switch by extending it. The request will be granted, the city engineer to report on the condition of the road.

C. A. Holland, on behalf of the McTavish estate, requested that a water main be laid on a certain section of Ontario street. Referred to the water commissioner for report.

J. A. Hayward inquired plans showing proposed connection between his property and the Rock Bay bridge. Referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

Herbert Cuthbert, secretary of the Tourist Association, sought the city's

permission to allow horsemen to use the Beacon Hill track for speeding purposes. Referred to the park committee.

Mrs. Phelps offered for sale a model of Nelson's famous battleship Victoria as an ornament in one of the schools or the Carnegie library. Referred to the school trustees.

Mrs. Noury renewed her application for a sidewalk from Ellis street to Garbally road. Referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

The city clerk reported a number of communications that had been referred to the city engineer during the week. Received and filed.

The city engineer recommended that the council construct a concrete wall along the foreshore opposite Ross Bay cemetery, to protect the roadway from the encroachment of the sea. If this could not be done he recommended that the most dangerous places be cribbed. Referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

The city solicitor reported consideration of the question of certain over-assessments made against property owners under the "General Sidewalk Construction Local Improvement By-law, 1904," stating that in his opinion the council may (under sub sec. of sec. 245 Municipal Clauses Act) order that the amount of excess be refunded or allowed for ratably to the various property owners.

The city solicitor also reported with respect to the proposal to redistribute the ward system of the city, that in his opinion the council could not reduce the number of aldermen to less than nine without seeking parliamentary authority, nor increase to more than nine without similar legislative sanction. This was filed.

The same official advised the city to remove the rails which had been laid on certain Spring Ridge lots to facilitate the removal of gravel. He also reported on the application of S. A. G. Finch, of The Week, for a share of the municipal advertising, pointing out that it was generally understood, according to law, that general advertising, such as by-law and tax sales, should appear in daily papers, but that advertisements such as those calling for tenders might be published in a weekly as well. Mr. Bradburn also advised that Mr. Haggerty be requested to restore the portion of the Victoria avenue, which had caved in consequent to his operations in his gravel pits. All these communications were received and filed, with the exception of the last, which was adopted.

The contract for supplying valves was awarded to E. G. Prior & Co.

The city engineer and purchasing agent reported as follows:

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 20th, 1905.

To His Worship the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:—We have the honor to report that we have gone into the matter of "tenders for engines, etc.," as requested by your honorable body, and, this time, have based our calculations upon the current year, instead of taking the quantities used last year, and the totals stand as follows, viz: B. C. Foundry Co., \$2,572.51; Victoria Machinery Depot Co., \$2,000.43; Andrew Gray, \$2,884.94. An itemized list of the various calculations showing the above results is enclosed herewith.

Your obedient servants,
C. H. TOPP,
City Engineer.

WM. W. NORTHCOOTE,
Purchasing Agent.

Ald. Fell moved, seconded by Ald. Goodacre, that the work covered by each item be given to the firm whose tender was lowest, and when two tenders were equal the work to be divided between them.

Ald. Oddy opposed this motion. Under the circumstances, he thought, the contract should be awarded to the Victoria Machinery Depot, which was an establishment conducted within the limits of the city, and which paid the municipal rates. He moved an amendment to this effect.

Ald. Hall, while favoring an establishment inside the city, thought that in this instance the contract might be divided.

Ald. Fullerton pointed out that tenders had been called for under four headings, and it was only right to divide the award. Besides it would effect a substantial saving.

Ald. Stewart would vote for the motion, although he didn't think it fair to split a tender.

The report of the discussion was the

defeat of Ald. Oddy's amendment and the endorsement of Ald. Fell's. The contracts were thereupon awarded on the basis defined in the motion.

The city engineer and purchasing agent recommended that the city use as much of the 2,000 barrels of White's Portland cement required until the Vancouver Island product was ready, when this might be used for the remainder of the year if it passed the test. Adopted. R. P. Rithet & Co. represent both tenders.

Miss Annie King, a nurse at the Isolation hospital, applied for an increase in salary. Referred to the board of health.

Messrs. Turner, Beeton and 216 other prominent business men petitioned as follows:

To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

We, the undersigned ratepayers and citizens of Victoria, hereby respectfully request that immediate steps be taken to obtain for the city recognition of its rights to consideration by the Dominion and Provincial governments as an interested party to the disposition of the Songhees reserve.

This was laid on the table to be considered at an adjourned session of the council on Thursday.

Three residents on Belcher street applied for a refund of the money expended by them on the extension of the sewer, for which, by the way, they were being taxed by the city. Referred to the streets, bridges and sewers committee.

J. L. Beckwith was awarded the contract for supplying carbons, his figure being \$1,025 against \$2,035 tendered by his competitor.

A petition from E. G. Prior and others for the use of the Beacon Hill driveway for horse speeding on two days of the week until 10 a. m. was referred to the park committee.

The fire wardens reported adversely on an application for a hydrant for Russell street. Adopted.

The legislative committee reported: Gentlemen:—Your legislation committee having considered the undermentioned subject beg to report and recommend as follows:

Amendments to the Municipal Clauses Act and the Municipal Elections Act. Attached hereto is a copy of a bill in each case to amend the said acts, containing such amendments that, in the opinion of the committee, should be made to the acts.

Re communication from the city clerk of Fernie, submitting a resolution passed by the municipal council of the city of Fernie, urging amendment to the Municipal Clauses Act to give power to city municipalities to construct, maintain and operate telephone systems throughout municipalities. Your committee recommends that the council's support be given to this resolution.

Your committee have also had under consideration the following: A constant source of complaint and annoyance in the city of Victoria is the existence on the main thoroughfare of Chinese laundry shacks, and the regulation and control of laundries in the city occupies much time, and the existence of laundries on frequented thoroughfares and in populated districts is dangerous to the public health.

In other countries, towns and boroughs possess their own laundries and wash houses, constructed and maintained out of the rates, but conducted as business concerns, and, it is believed, self-maintained.

In British Columbia, under sub-sections 91 and 106 of section 50, municipalities are given the power to prohibit and regulate the construction and use of laundries, to prevent construction and to order their removal from any particular street or locality where they constitute a nuisance or eyesore.

Municipalities are obviously loath to act upon a hardworking and desirable industry. But for this fact it would be extremely desirable to exercise the statutory power, and it would be equitable and reasonable to do so, if out of the municipal funds suitable wash houses are provided.

The city could fix on a convenient site, where the presence of laundries would be inconvenient; erect a given number of modern and up-to-date wash houses and rent them at a profitable rent to those desirous of any order of removal. Whether baths open to the public at moderate charges (including private baths and public swimming baths) could be profitably worked in conjunction with these bath houses is another question, but if the municipality erected steam power and supplied to its tenants at fixed rates hot water and steam it would possibly pay to put baths as an adjunct. To carry out the above it will be necessary to amend the act to get the required power.

The following amendment is suggested to section 50, as a new sub-section: "For purchasing, acquiring, holding, maintaining and managing real property for public baths and wash houses; and for erecting and constructing or leasing or conducting and maintaining baths and wash houses; and for assessing, levying, in addition to all other rates and taxes, a special rate or tax for all or any of such purposes."

Adopted. These amendments will be laid before the municipal committee of the legislature.

The street re-naming committee submitted an exhaustive report of their labors. Referred to the streets committee.

The streets, bridges and sewers committee recommended that the council offer no objection to the application of Messrs. Moore & Whittington to the rights, provided that firm agree to certain restrictions; also that the offer of Capt. Troup of right of way across his property for drainage purposes be accepted, and that the drain be completed.

The report was adopted.

The finance committee recommended the appropriation of \$1,355.32. Adopted.

Superintendent Eaton submitted a detailed list of the teachers' salaries for January.

Ald. Oddy moved that the superintendent be requested to furnish the council with what they had asked for—a detailed statement of teachers' salaries for the year. This was carried. Then Ald. Oddy moved the motion which appears in the fore part of this report.

Ald. Hall seconded this motion, which was carried. The council then adjourned.

ODD FELLOWS HOLD PLEASANT REUNION

Joint Meeting Last Evening in Honor of Visit of Grand Master Neelds—A Banquet.

Odd Fellows turned out in force at the joint meeting of the city lodges in the hall, Douglas street last night, when Bro. Neelds, of Vancouver, Grand Master of British Columbia, paid an official visit. After the close of the lodge meeting the brethren sat down to a banquet, followed by a programme of speeches, songs and piano selections.

At the lodge meeting Bro. F. Nelson, D. D. G. M., occupied the chair, and after he had been accorded the visitor, called upon the grand master for a speech.

Bro. Neelds thanked the brethren for their welcome, and spoke of the pleasure it gave him to visit Victoria, the home of Odd Fellowship in British Columbia. He referred to the growth of the order, especially during 1903, which was a record year. While it was unlikely that many new members would join in 1904, still satisfactory progress was being made in all branches.

The grand master then said he wished to refer to a matter on which he was regarded as something of a "crank." This was the subject of regalia and paraphernalia. While admitting a certain amount of it was necessary he did not think lodges should be permitted to spend so much money on regalia. The order had \$3,000,000 of invested funds, but this might have been increased had there been less devoted to elaborate paraphernalia. This had been forcibly brought home to him when visiting the interior, where some young lodges were laboring under a great handicap owing to expenditures in this direction.

However, it was a pleasure to be able to state that the order continued to grow, and he referred to the prospect of new lodges being instituted in the Okanagan country.

Bro. Neelds also spoke of the large amount which had been distributed in benefits, and laid stress on the fraternal side of the order.

Bro. F. Davey, grand secretary, in a brief speech, gave interesting statistics. At the close of last year there were 42 lodges in the jurisdiction, the membership being 3,584, a gain of 57 during the twelve months.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to well laden tables, and needless to say full justice was done the delicacies provided. Bro. F. Taylor, committee president, and had on his right Bro. Neelds, while Hon. A. E. Smith, United States consul, sat on his left.

The grand master was again called upon, and delivered a brief address, including in his remarks a few staves of experiences in the interior. In closing he thanked the members of the city lodges for their hospitality.

Bro. Handley then sang "Asleep on the Deep," and was followed by Hon. Mr. Smith, who said it was always a pleasure to meet the people of Victoria. In the course of his remarks he referred to the career of President Roosevelt, who at all times stood for the people.

He honored King Edward, the man of fact; Emperor William, the man who did things; and Theodore Roosevelt, who was equal to all emergencies. Mr. Smith referred in fitting terms to the grand master, and also to the announcement that the Dominion would take over the defences of Canada in July, Canadians, he declared, were among friends on this continent.

Bro. W. H. Huxtable then gave an interesting address, speaking of the Odd Fellows whose pictures adorn the walls of the lodge room.

Bro. Dresser rendered a piano solo.

Bro. A. Henderson, Sovereign Grand lodge representative, paid a tribute to the grand master and Hon. Mr. Smith.

He spoke of his visits to the Sovereign Grand lodge and of the extensive operations of the order.

Bro. S. Reid sang "The Old Sexton," and Bro. Bell, grand patriarch, spoke of the Encampment branch of the order.

The remaining numbers on the programme were: Recitation, Bro. Marwick; piano solo, Bro. Jackson, and song, Bro. Mallory.

The proceedings terminated with the singing of "God Save the King" and "Auld Lang Syne."

After leaving Victoria the grand master will proceed to Dunsmuir, Ladysmith, Nanaimo and Cumberland.

DEMANDS OF STUDENTS.

Text of Resolutions Passed at Meeting in St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 21.—With the decision of the student body of the University of St. Petersburg to suspend studies for the remainder of the university year almost the whole educational system of Russia has entered upon a period of stagnation. Other universities, gymnasia and even grammar schools already were on strike and the military throughout the empire have been obliged to resort to restrain schoolboys of tender years who are joining the general movement.

The resolutions adopted at yesterday's meeting follow:

"We, as a section of the educated community, conscious of our goal, welcome the solidarity of workmen and put forward the following demands:

"First—Summoning a legislative assembly on the basis of a universal, equal and secret ballot of male and female citizens; freedom of speech, freedom of the press; freedom of organization and of striking.

"Second—Amnesty for all who have been punished for their political or religious convictions.

"Third—The fact of belonging to any

THE PUBLIC OF THIS AGE

demand the best of everything and will shift to the last pretensions of those who solicit its favor.

"SALADA"

Ceylon tea owes its success solely to the fact of its incomparable value and delicious flavor. Sold only in sealed lead packets. Black, Mixed or Natural GREEN. By all grocers. Received the highest award and gold medal at St. Louis.

KELLY, DOUGLAS & CO., WHOLESALE AGENTS.

For Lumber, Sash, Doors,

And All Kinds of Building Material, Go to

THE TAYLOR MILL CO., LIMITED LIABILITY,
MILL OFFICE AND YARDS, NORTH GOVERNMENT ST., VICTORIA, B. C.
P. O. BOX 628.

The Hotel Driard

C. A. HARRISON, PROP. NEW MANAGEMENT

European and American plans. Service and appointments first class. Rates reasonable. The only first-class hotel in Victoria.

The Hotel Dallas The Only Seaside Resort in the City.

Cars Stop at the Door. Boats to Hire for Fishing, at the Hotel. Rates by Day, Week or Month. J. PATTERSON, Prop.

The Vernon Hotel First-Class Commercial Hotel...

Central location on corner Douglas and View Streets. Rates \$2.00 and \$2.50. Fine sample rooms in connection.

Nicholles & Renouf, Ltd.

—Importers and Dealers in—

Builders' Hardware

Steel, Bar Iron, Agricultural Implements, Etc., Etc.

TEL. 82.

P. O. DRAWER 563.

Corner Broad and Yates Streets.

particular party shall not deprive of political rights.

"Fourth—As a guarantee against interference of the Russian government in the free execution of their demands, a people's militia must immediately be formed. In their ranks all citizens can fight to realize our aspirations.

"Recognizing the significance of this historical moment, when Russia is emerging from a period of fire and revolution, when everyone has but one end in view, we cannot pursue our studies, and therefore suspend them until September 13th.

"By then events will have furnished new material for the solution of the questions now before us."

RHEUMATISM WILL SUCCEED TO South American Rheumatic Cure because it goes right to the seat of the trouble and removes the cause. Many so-called cures but deaden pain temporarily only, to have it return again with doubled violence. Not so with this great remedy. It eradicates from the system the last vestige of the disease and its cure is permanent—74.

St. Petersburg dispatch says: Martial law has been declared at Tarskoe-Selo owing to numerous threatening letters being received at the Palace. The chief of the secret police has taken special precautions to prevent an outrage on the imperial family.

Two passengers were killed and one seriously injured as the result of the wreck of a Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific train at Wiot, on Monday as reported to the general offices of the company in this city.



HEATERS

Heating stoves from \$1.00 up, cook stoves, etc., etc. Lamps wanted. At BITTANCOURT'S.

Cor. Yates and Blanchard Sts. Phone 5618.

Cheap Lumber At Cost Price

Columbia Sawmill DAVID ST.

THE SPROTT-SHAW BUSINESS UNIVERSITY

VANCOUVER, B. C.

Gives unexcelled training in all COMMERCIAL, TYPEWRITING, SHORTHAND, TELEGRAPHY and LANGUAGES.

R. J. SPROTT, B. A., PRINCIPAL.

H. A. SCRIVEN, B. A., VICE-PRINCIPAL.

McCart & Drysdale

Contractors and Builders.

Lots for sale in any part of the city. Phone A1062. 61 First Street.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made on behalf of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company and the Equimait & Nanaimo Railway Company to the Parliament of Canada at its present session for an Act ratifying and confirming an agreement between the said companies for the sale by the Equimait & Nanaimo Railway Company to the Canadian Pacific Railway Company of the railway and properties in the said agreement described, declaring the said railway to be a work for the general advantage of Canada, and authorizing the Canadian Pacific Railway Company to acquire and operate the same and issue bonds, debentures, consolidated debenture stock or other securities to aid in such acquisition; with such other powers as may be necessary and expedient in order to carry out the purposes and objects of the said agreement. Dated this 14th day of February, 1905.

A. R. CREELMAN, General Officer, Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Montreal, P. Q., Solicitor for Applicants.

NOTICE

Take notice that I intend to apply to the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, at their next regular sitting, for a transfer of the liquor license now held by me to sell spirituous and fermented liquors at the premises known as the Western Hotel, on Gore street, Victoria, B. C., to John Henry Gosnell. Dated this 24th day of January, 1905.

N. HANSEN.

SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTH-WEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORIES

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for anthracite. Not more than 200 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—Persons of eighteen years and over and joint stock companies holding free miner's certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of \$7.50 per annum for an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital.

A free miner, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500,000 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end on the line of the lode or vein.

The claim shall be recorded within fifteen days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is \$5.

At least \$100 must be expended on the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended or paid, the locator may, upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$1.00 an acre.

Permitted may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and mica, also copper, in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 100 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of a Royalty of 2½ per cent. of the value of the products of the location.

Placer Mining.—Manitoba and the N. W. T. Placer mining generally are 100 feet square; entry fee, \$5, renewable yearly. On the North Saskatchewan River claims are either bar or bench, the former being 100 feet long and extending between high and low water mark. The latter includes bar diggings, but extends back to the base of the hill or bank, but not exceeding 1,000 feet. Where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be located.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have or who may receive entries for bar diggings or bench claims, except on the Saskatchewan River where the lessee may dig for water mark on each alternate leasehold.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease for each five miles, but where a person or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each five miles or fraction is sufficient. Rental, \$10 per annum for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of two and a half per cent. collected on the output after it exceeds \$10,000.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory.—Six leases of five miles each may be granted to a free miner for a term of twenty years, also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars in the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the map of August in the year of the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from such date. Rental, \$100 per mile for first year and \$10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty, same as placer mining.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—Creek, gulch, river and hill claims shall not exceed 250 feet in length, measured on the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, the width being from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. All other placer claims shall be 250 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days, if the claim is within ten miles of a mining recorder's office. One extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction.

The person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate, and the same miner may hold any number of claims by purchase, and free miners may work their claims in partnership with a free miner, paying fee of \$2. A claim may be abandoned, and another obtained on the same creek, gulch or river, by giving notice and paying a fee.

Work must be done on a claim each year

Chapped Hands
Are Speedily Cured by
Dermyl
Not sticky or greasy. Gloves may be worn immediately after using.
Price 25c. and 50c. per bottle.
JOHN COCHRANE,
CHEMIST,
N. W. Cor. Yates and Douglas Streets.

THE NAME
"MOONEY"
On Soda Crackers and Sweet Cakes, or
Chocolates, Bon-Bons, Creams, Fondants
or Gross goods, means perfection.
The Mooney lines are at the top.
THE GEORGE CARTER CO., LTD.,
Wholesale Agents.

W. JONES
DOMINION GOVERNMENT
AUCTIONEER.
**CITY AUCTION
MART.**
58 Broad Street.
Will conduct your sales profitably. Best
results obtained. Immediate returns.
Liberal advances made. Residential sales
our specialty.
W. JONES,
Dominion Govt. Auctioneer.

For Sale
H. M. Torpedo Boats
Nos. 39 and 40
On behalf of the Lords Commissioners of
the Admiralty, tenders are invited for the
purchase of H. M. Torpedo Boats, Nos. 39
and 40, with all fittings, as they now lie at
H. M. Naval Yard, Esquimalt, B. C.
DESCRIPTION.
Hull, steel; length, 100 ft.; beam, 12 ft.;
draught, 9 1/2 ft.; compound, surface con-
densing engines; locomotive boiler, with
brass tubes; brass condenser tubes; steel
propeller.
These vessels have been rendered unfit
for naval purposes, and the purchasers will
be required to satisfy the Naval authorities
that they will not be resold to belligerents.
The vessels may be inspected between the
hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. The highest
bid or any tender not necessarily accepted.
Tenders to be lodged not later than noon
of Wednesday, 1st March, 1905, and to be
in sealed covers and addressed to the Naval
Store Officer, H. M. Naval Yard, Esquimalt,
B. C.
H. M. Naval Yard, Esquimalt, B. C.,
14th February, 1905.

3rd Naval Sale
Under instructions from Mr. Miles, Civil
Engineer, Works Department, I will sell at
**H. M. NAVAL YARD,
ESQUIMALT, B. C.**
At 11 o'clock a. m.,
**FRIDAY, 24TH FEB.
1905.**
A LARGE QUANTITY AND GREAT VARI-
ETY OF STORES, TOOLS, MACHINERY,
BUILDING MATERIAL, ETC.
Including: Portland Cement, Lumber,
Steel, Iron, Steel Slings, Steel Rails,
Fish Plates, Bolts, Lead Pipe, Corrugated
Iron, Roofing, Derrick, Cranes, Winches,
Chains, Hoisting Felt, Paints, Oils, Var-
nishes, Water Closets, Urinals, Pipes, Glass,
Brass Fittings, Taps, Iron Fencing, Gates,
Posts, Sewer Pipes, Traps, Slate Slabs,
Sewer Jacks, Stocks, Dies, Taps and Tools
of all descriptions, 10 Horse Power Electric
Motor, Band Saw, Drilling Machine, Wheel-
barrows, etc.
Catalogues to be had at Engineer's Office.
Goods on view from 10 to 4 day prior to
sale only.
W. T. HARDAKER
AUCTIONEER.

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING
To demonstrate the intrinsic values of
Campbell's Concentrated Soups
Mr. Henderson, the renowned demonstrator, will serve free to all a sample of
Campbell's famous product. We shall be pleased to see you. No trouble to
show goods.
Our stock contains ten varieties.
2 TINS FOR 25 CENTS
THE
West End Grocery Company,
S. J. HEALD, Manager.

A FEW BARGAINS
CALIFORNIA CLARET (Zinfandel), 35 cents per Bottle, or 3 for\$1.00
NATIVE PORT.....35 cents per Bottle.
TENNANT'S BEER.....\$1.00 per Dozen.
AT THE
Windsor Grocery Co.
OPPOSITE POST OFFICE. GOVERNMENT STREET.

The fact of the C. P. R. having concluded
the deal for the E. & N. Ry. will benefit
Victoria. If you co-operate with us at 94
Yates St. you will directly benefit yourself.
W. ACTON, - - - - - **MANAGER**

B. C. FRUIT AND COMMISSION CO., LTD.
PHONE 557. 72 DOUGLAS ST. P. O. BOX 647.
ARRIVING BI-WEEKLY—Choice California Fruits and Vegetables, etc., B. C.
and Foreign Apples, Fresh Eggs, Butter, Hams and Bacon. Agents for B.C. Cured Fish.

BOILING WATER
In FIVE minutes
with our new
Electric Heaters
**HINTON
ELECTRIC CO.**

**HE THREATENS TO
CLOSE HIS MINES**
IF THE AMENDMENT
TO ACT IS PASSED
Jas. Dunsmuir Will Not Operate Under
Proposed Legislation—Opposition
Raised by Nanaimo Company.
"If the amendments introduced by J.
H. Hawthornthwaite becomes law I will
close my mines at Comox and Extension
and keep them closed until the law is
repealed." This is the statement made
by James Dunsmuir, of the Wellington
Colliery Company, to a Times reporter.
The objectionable amendments are as
follows:
"Any owner, agent or manager, or
anyone acting in their behalf, who em-
ploys or detains underground in any coal
mine any person for a longer period than
eight hours from bank to bank in every
twenty-four hours shall be liable to a
penalty not exceeding one hundred dol-
lars nor less than twenty-five dollars for
each person so employed or detained."
"Any miner, mine laborer or under-
ground laborer who works underground
in any mine for a longer period than
eight hours from bank to bank in every
twenty-four hours shall be liable to a
penalty not exceeding one hundred dol-
lars nor less than twenty-five. Provided
always, that these penalties shall not
apply where any miner, mine laborer, or
underground worker has been employed
or detained underground for a longer
period than eight hours from bank to
bank in any twenty-four hours owing to
the occurrence of an accident, or in
endeavoring to save or protect human
life."
"Twenty-four hours" for the purpose
of this act, shall mean from midnight to
midnight.
Thos. Stockett, superintendent of the
mines at Nanaimo, and E. M. Yarwood,
solicitor for this company, arrived in the
city yesterday, and are putting up a
vigorous protest against the proposed
legislation.
Mr. Hawthornthwaite represents the
amendment as simply making effective
the legislation of last session, which fixed
the day for coal miners at eight hours
from bank to bank. This proposal of his
now imposes a penalty upon those violat-
ing the principle of the act of last year.
Superintendent Stockett proposes to
compromise matters by making the day
nine hours from bank to bank, which
will give an eight-hour day in the mines
and will not disturb the existing condi-
tions. At the Nanaimo mines, which are
regarded as models in the province in so
far as coal miners are concerned, it re-
quires about half an hour to convey all
the men from the head of the shaft to the
bottom. From that point the men are
then carried to their work at the
various stations. Again another half
hour is required to carry the men from
the bottom of the shaft to the head of it

again at the close of the work. Mr.
Stockett wants a day's work to com-
mence and end with the assembling of
the men at the bottom of the shaft. This
is the rule now in force at the mines.
Similarly arrangements could be made
to make this work out in the case of tun-
nels, as at Extension and the Crow's
Nest Pass mines.
The coal industry in the province can-
not stand any more restrictions, Mr.
Stockett says. Nine-tenths of the coal
mined on Vancouver Island goes to San
Francisco. Every five cents added to
the cost of production reduces the output
correspondingly, as it allows all to steal
into the trade. He says the situation is
indeed serious.
James Dunsmuir, who always adopts
radical methods, has taken a decided
stand on the question, and threatens to
close his mines if the bill passes. He
contends that the limit has been reached
in connection with this subject of labor
in coal mines. He does not propose to
attempt to operate if any further restric-
tions are put on him.
The amendment of Mr. Hawthorn-
thwaite passed its second reading yester-
day, the Premier offering no objection
to it. The bill should be committed to-
day.

THE LABEL CASE
Was Heard in the Police Court This
Morning—Now in Progress.
The case of William McKay, local
organizer of the American Federation of
Labor, who is charged with the theft of
four thousand labels from Messrs.
Turner, Beeton & Co., came up in the
police court this morning. The prosecu-
tion is in the hands of George Morphy,
and F. B. Gregory is acting for the de-
fendant. Several witnesses were exam-
ined, namely: H. B. Thompson, manager
of Turner, Beeton & Co., and Miss
Brown, forewoman of the factory, for
the prosecution, and Miss Chapman,
labor secretary of the International
Garment Makers' Union, for the defence.
Miss Brown gave evidence as to the re-
moval of the labels from the factory
by Mr. McKay, and Mr. Thompson
testified to receiving the labels from Miss
Chapman, the labor secretary, and pay-
ing for them upon the receipt of the bill.
The defence is being heard this after-
noon, Mr. McKay being the principal
witness.

EXPATRIATED GERMANS.
Under the existing law if a German re-
mains abroad for ten years without hav-
ing obtained a special consent of the
government authorities he loses his civil
rights as a German subject and also his
claim for protection.
President Roosevelt, who for weeks has
been hopeful that some definite action
might be taken at the present session of
the congress on the railroad rate ques-
tion, practically has relinquished the idea
of securing legislation on the subject this
winter.
In 1904 the free delivery mail carrier sys-
tem of the United States employed 20,761
persons in towns and cities and 24,568 on
rural routes.

"Queen's Head"
Galvanized Iron
Is guaranteed free of any
defect. That protects
you, Mr. Builder.
MANUFACTURED BY
JOHN LYSAGHT LIMITED,
A. G. LESLIE & CO., MONTREAL
HARRISON CHAMBERLAIN BRANCH

**Up to
You
Can
Save**

A WORTHY MOVEMENT.
Soldiers and Sailors' Concert to Be
Given Shortly—Good Programme
Promised.
The objects which those organizing the
concert in aid of the Sailors and Soldiers'
Home, Esquimalt, have in view were set
forth in an article which appeared in
the Times some three weeks ago. On
January 31st this paper published a
complete financial statement giving the
expenses and receipts of the Home, from
the date of its inception, in 1900, up to
December 31st last. The current ac-
count proved that the institution had
practically paid its way since the open-
ing in May last, and this, although the
absence of the ships from Esquimalt nearly
all summer had been closely followed
by great reductions in the Pacific squad-
ron. From the building account it ap-
peared that, thanks to generous contribu-
tions already acknowledged, the debt of
\$1,500, with which the institution opened,
had been reduced to \$900 at the close
of last year.
Of the total adverse balance of \$1,000,
\$150 was due to fresh outlay, since the
opening on the additional beds, furni-
ture, games, etc., which were found neces-
sary to meet the large demands made
upon the accommodation of the Home.
The institution has fulfilled the most
sanguine hopes of its promoters, and,
but for the departure of the fleet from
Esquimalt, there would have been no dif-
ficulty in gradually paying off the debt.
Between May 6th and December 31st,
5,000 meals were served, 1,323 beds let
and 181 baths taken. The current ac-
count for January shows that the Home
at present is actually being run at a
profit.
It will obviously be necessary, after H.
M. S. Bonaventure has left, to reduce
the working expenses of the place. It
is proposed to open the building only dur-
ing the men's hours of leave. It will un-
questionably be still of great benefit to
the soldiers and sailors who remain,
especially as the naval canteen is to be
entirely closed on February 28th. The
committee wish to tide over the time
which must elapse before the Dominion
government establishes its own forces at
Esquimalt, when the Home will have a
wider field of usefulness than before.
Institutions of a similar class exist in
every port worthy the name throughout
the length and breadth of the United
Kingdom. They are outward and visible
signs of the thought which people in the
Old Country take for the welfare and
comfort of their navy and army. Surely
Canadians will take no less thought of
these matters, but will erect and support
buildings in which their own sailors and
soldiers may always find a kindly welcome
and cheerful relaxation.
The committee of management feel
that they should not further delay in
making a vigorous attempt to clear the
Home of debt. H. M. S. Bonaventure
is on the eve of departure, and it is ex-
tremely uncertain whether the two re-
maining ships may not also be removed
before long. This concert will probably
be the last occasion for some time on
which large parties of bluejackets and
marines will seek to entertain the people
of Victoria. It will be in the nature of
a farewell to the home navy, considered
as a fighting force protecting local inter-
ests.

**Lumbago, Sciatica,
Gout, Neuralgia**
**ALL CAUSED BY RHEUMATIC
POISON IN THE BLOOD—CURE
GUARANTEED—RELIEF
SWIFT AND SURE FROM
DR. HAMILTON'S PILLS**
There is a new life ahead for every
sufferer from rheumatic poison who
has not yet used Dr. Hamilton's Pills!
Their prompt cures are the marvel of
the medical profession of many na-
tions.
The unspeakable anguish of rheumatic
torment no longer be suffered—use
Dr. Hamilton's Pills and permanent
cure is assured. In so many thousands
of cases have Dr. Hamilton's Pills been
successful, the manufacturers are willing
to guarantee a lasting cure to all that
use them.
No one can doubt the efficacy of Dr.
Hamilton's Pills after reading the ex-
perience of Miss Minnie Saunders, of
Halifax, who says:
"Scores of different remedies
failed to relieve me. I suffered
incessantly from neuralgia and
sciatica. Sometimes the pain was
unbearable.
"A friend recommended Dr.
Hamilton's Pills. In a few days
I was relieved. I continued the
treatment, using in all five boxes,
and was cured.
"I have not felt the slightest
pain or ache since taking Dr.
Hamilton's Pills, and consider my
cure absolutely perfect."
Why delay any longer? Get Dr.
Hamilton's Pills at once. They will re-
store your health in a short time. Price
25c. per box, or five boxes for \$1. at all
dealers, or by mail from N. C. Polson &
Co., Hartford, Conn., U. S. A., and
Kingston, Ont.

CARD OF THANKS
Mrs. I. Taylor and family desire to ex-
press their sincere thanks to the many
friends and acquaintances who sent flowers
and otherwise assisted them during their
recent bereavement.
\$14.00 Per Ton
100 Tons of First-Class Hay
MUST BE SOLD.
R. BAKER & SONS
30 YATES STREET.

**Granite and
Marble Works**
Monuments, Tablets, Granite Cop-
ings, etc., at lowest prices consist-
ent with first-class stock and work-
manship.
A. Stewart
COR. YATES & BLANCHARD STS.

Small Advertisers
You can become an advertiser on
very small capital. Try a want
advertisement.

PERSONAL.
D. J. Munn, the principal member of the
McArthur Paper Manufacturing Co., Ltd.,
Montreal, was in the city yesterday. He
was accompanied by his niece, Miss Munn,
daughter of Collector of Customs Munn,
New Westminster.
—F. M. Rattenbury will leave for Van-
couver this evening on business in con-
nection with the proposed C. P. R. hotel.
The contract for this has not yet been
let, and it may be necessary to for Mr.
Rattenbury to go to Montreal, before
anything is done in this regard.

BY SUPPLYING YOUR NEEDS IN
Paints and Oils
here. We keep everything in the way of
Ship Chandlery, Paints, Oils, Varnishes and
Window Glass.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.
P. McQUADE & SON,
78 WHARF STREET.

SHIPPING
WILL DISCHARGE CARGO.
According to an Associated Press dis-
patch from San Francisco the steamship
Brinkburn, which was recently in the
Royal Roads with cargo for Vladiv-
ostok, will discharge at the Bay City,
to which port she was ordered last week.
The vessel has arrived at the Golden
Gate, and the dispatch says that her
owners have decided to abandon the pro-
jected trip to Vladivostok.

EIGHT HAVE SAILED.
Eight of the Victoria Sealing Com-
pany's schooners have sailed so far this
season. A ninth, the schooner Victoria,
is getting ready to leave, and in addition
there are several independent vessels
which will sail shortly. The last of the
three or four schooners which have de-
parted are to carry Indian crews. They
have to call for these at some of the
West Coast ports, but so far as known
none have yet secured native hunters.

MARINE NOTES.
The steamships Senator and Ramona,
of the Pacific Coast Steamship Com-
pany's fleet, will arrive at the outer
wharf this afternoon and evening. The
Senator is en route from San Francisco,
and the Ramona is bound for Alaska.
Tug Cear has arrived to go on
Turpel's ways for a cleaning and paint-
ing.
H. M. S. Empress of China will sail
for Asiatic ports this evening.
The ship County of Dumfries has
finished loading at Vancouver, and will
be towed to sea in a day or so.
The ship Eurasia, which recently dis-
charged cargo at the outer wharf, is now
ready to leave Vancouver. She will be
towed to the Sound, where she will re-
ceive lumber cargo.

JUST ARRIVED
A FULL LINE OF
**Vegetable, Root
and Flour
SEEDS**
—FROM—
Sutton & Sons
Reading, Eng., at
SCOTT & PEDEN
AGENTS,
Phone 296. 3, 5 and 7 Store St.
FLOUR, FEED, HAY AND GRAIN.
Grand Concert
IN AID OF
**Sailors and Soldiers' Home,
ESQUIMALT**
Under the distinguished patronage of His
Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Com-
modore and Mrs. Goodrich, the Honorable
Premier and Mrs. McBride, His Worship
the Mayor and Mrs. Barnard.
**At Victoria Theatre, on February
28th, at 8.30 p. m.**
Tickets, \$1.00, 75c. and 50c., on sale at
Walt's Music Store.

With Progress
A Home of Your Own
Is the proper thing to have in these
modern times. For \$800 we can offer you a
5 roomed cottage with city water and elec-
tric light.
**B. C. Land & Investment
Agency, Ltd., 40 Crvt. St.**

Wharfage to Rent
About 125 feet of wharfage in the
centre of the city (between Bastion
and Yates Streets), with all neces-
sary warehouses and other build-
ings thereon. Apply to
A. W. JONES,
28 FORT STREET

A LARGE STOCK ON HAND OF
**CANNERY SUPPLIES, WHITE'S CEMENT,
FIREBRICKS, FIRECLAY, BAR AND
PIG IRON, LINSEED OIL, WIRE
ROPE, ETC., ETC., ETC.**
First-class Storage Room for Merchandise, Furniture, Etc.
Robert Ward & Co., Ltd.,
TEMPLE BUILDING, VICTORIA.

**KEEP
STEP**

RAZORS RAZORS
75c TO \$2.50 EACH
Strops, Brushes, Shaving Soap, in Large Variety.
at **FOX'S, - 78 Government Street.**

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.
BILLIARD TABLES, NEW AND SEC-
OND-HAND—For sale, new and second-
hand billiard and pool tables. Inspect our
stock or write for catalogue. The largest
selection in Canada. Brunswick Balke
Collender Co. J. Johnston, Kirk Block,
Douglas street, agent, Victoria.
TO LET—Housekeeping rooms; no other
lodgers; very central. "Rex." Times
Office.
MASQUERADES, THEATRICALS, ETC.—
Fancy costumes to rent from 50c. for
ladies, gentlemen and children. 21 Rae
street.
WANTED—Good plain cook, household
help, small family; good wages. Cooking
office this paper.
WANTED—Installation collector for mar-
chandise accounts; good salary and ex-
penses. Address Manufacturer, P. O. Box
1027, Philadelphia, Pa.
WANTED—Smart man to collect and can-
vass; speedy promotion to suitable man.
Apply by letter P. O. Box 248, city.
FOR SALE—A Semi-Grand piano. It has a
beautiful case, an excellent tone, and is
in good tune. Especially adapted to
drawing room or concert hall. Inquire of
Hinkson Siddall, 14 Chancery Lane.
PORTION OF OFFICE and desk room to
let; central, ground floor, Government
street; light, heat and telephone; terms
reasonable. Apply at once to P. O.
Drawer 620.

VICTORIA THEATRE
Friday, February 24
Engagement of the Distinguished Actor,
**MR. CHARLES
B. HANFORD**
In an Elaborate Production of the Superb
Comedy,
Don Caesar de Bazan
Prices, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50; gallery, 25c.
Seats on sale Wednesday at Walt's, Gov-
ernment street.

DOES YOUR SCALP ITCH?
Then, you are suffering from a parasitic
disease, distressing and annoying.
JANES' HAIR RESTORER
WILL POSITIVELY CURE IT.
This is a hair in
the last stage of
infection. A—The
Skin. B—The Hair.
C—Colonies of Mi-
crobes. D—The
Papilla. E—Migra-
tory Colonies of
Microbes. F—The
Sebaceous Gland.
Restorer six weeks.
The cause is a parasite in the half-follicle
eating away the delicate membrane which
holds the hair root in place. The only way
to stop falling hair is to destroy the para-
site which causes it.
JANES' Hair Restorer does this, and
then feeds the follicles and roots and re-
builds the waste tissue. The result is a
new growth of strong, beautiful hair.
HALL & CO.
Central Drug Store, Special Agents.
SPECIAL DESIGNS for firm names etched
on by us in stone. Just the thing to use
in your advertisements, maps, plans, etc.
B. C. Photo-Engraving Co.

MADE-VICTORIA
ENGRAVINGS
AND
ADVERTISING CUTS
OF ANY KIND
THE
EFFECTIVENESS
OF YOUR
ADVERTISING
INCREASED
100%
BY THE USE OF
Good CUTS
MADE BY
B. C. PHOTO-ENGRAVING CO.
TIMES BLDG. VICTORIA
ORDER AT
TIMES BUSINESS OFFICE